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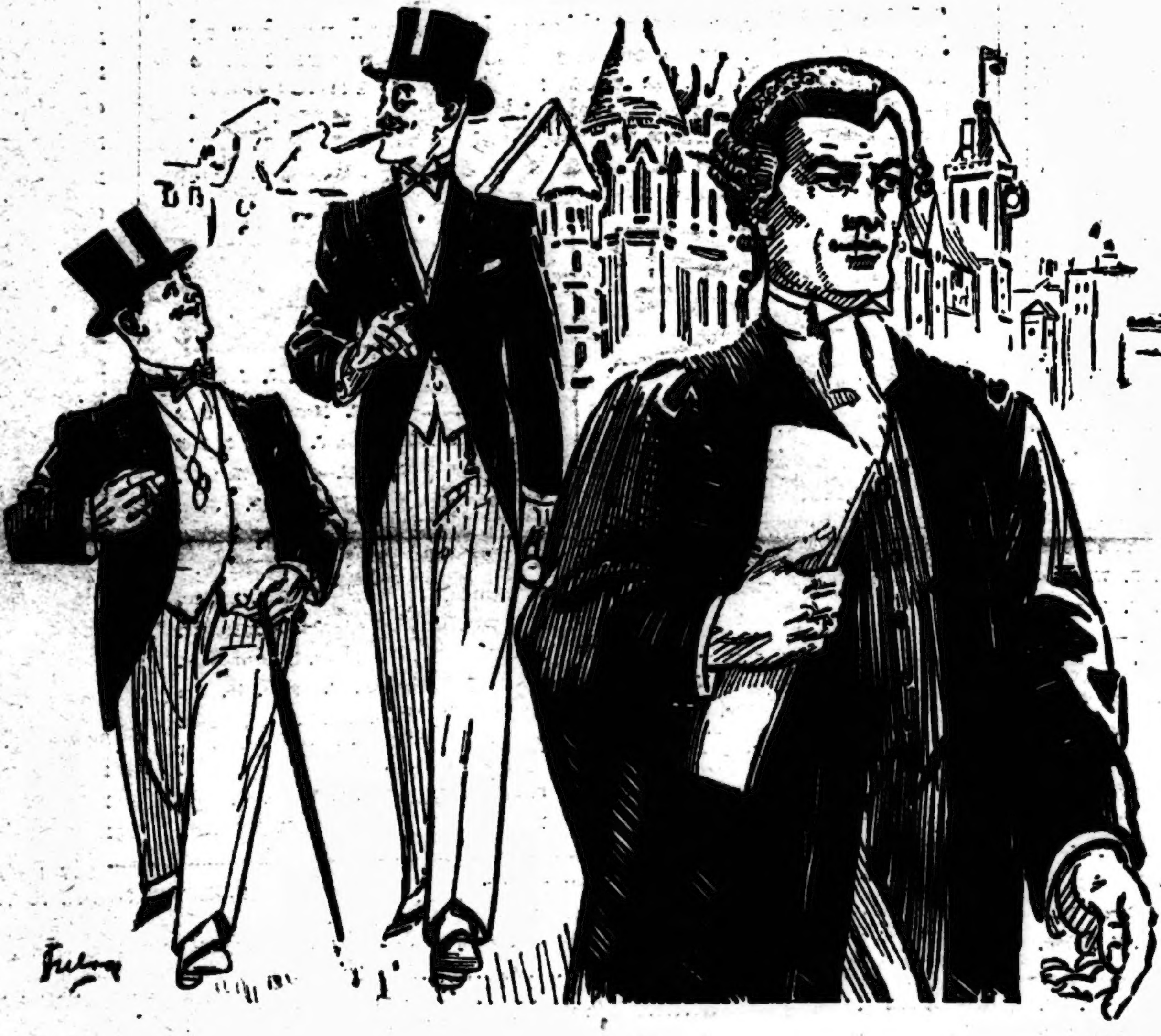

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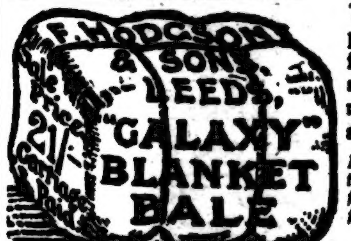

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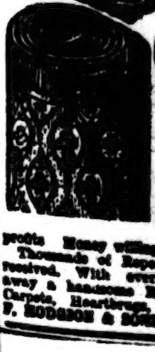

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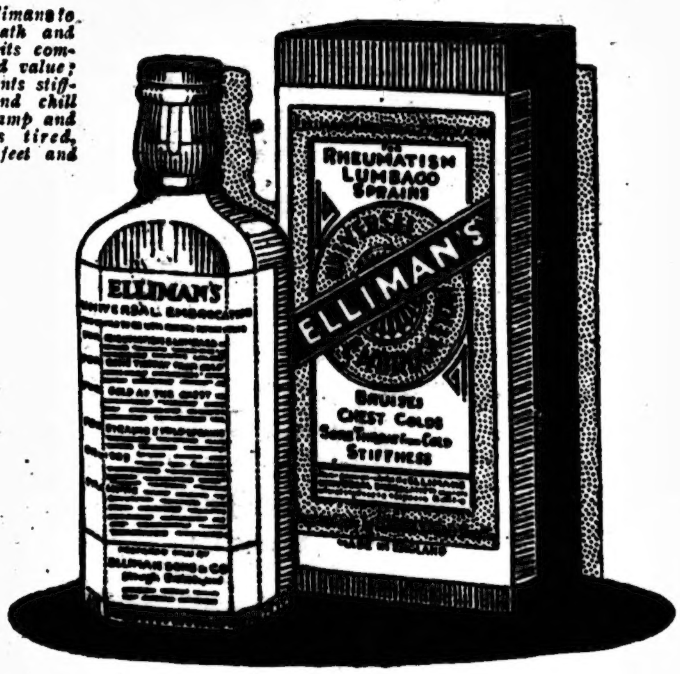
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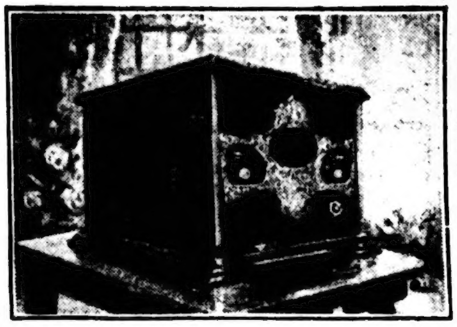

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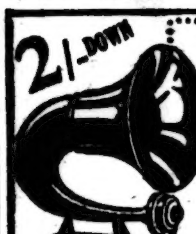

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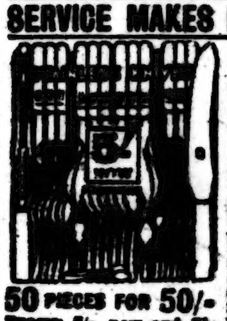

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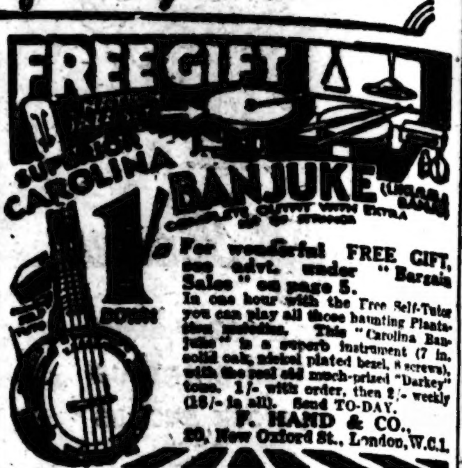

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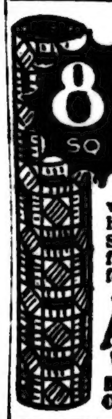

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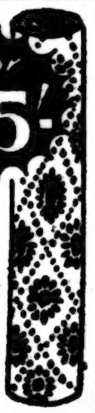

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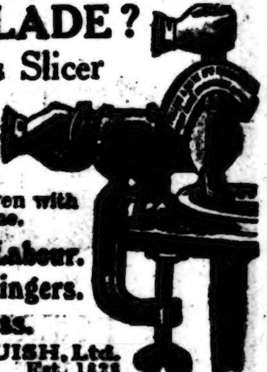

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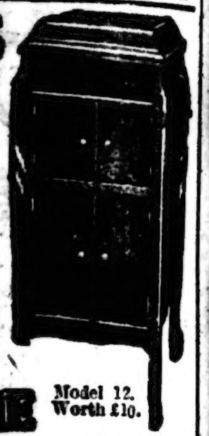

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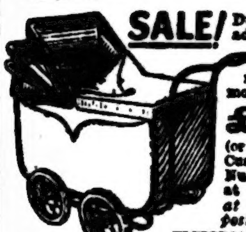

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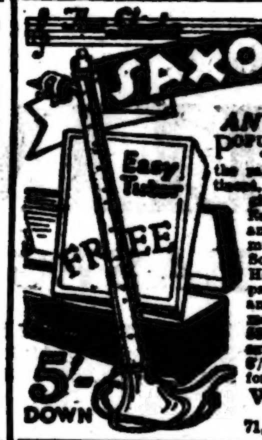

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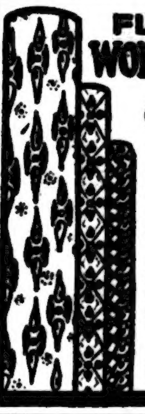

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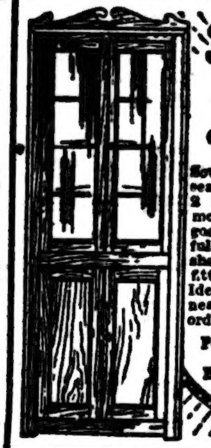

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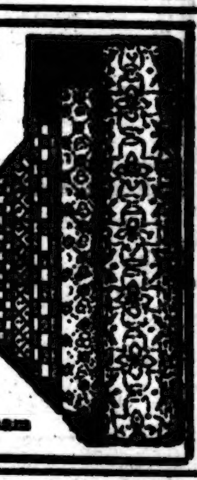

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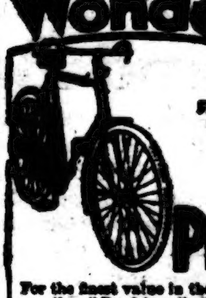

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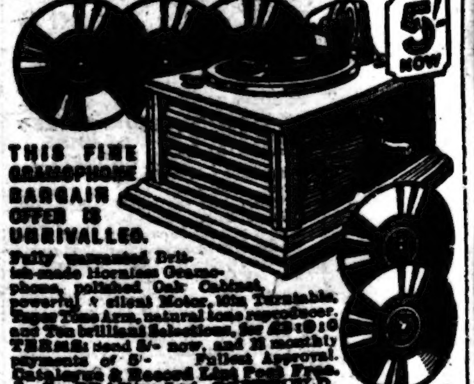

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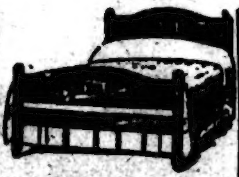

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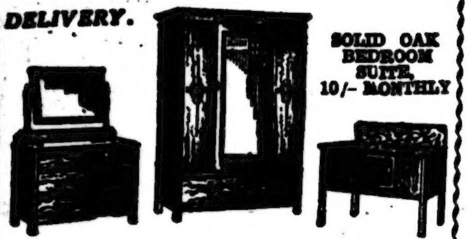

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The Ball Opens.

It is as an election manifesto rather than a business programme that the Speech at the opening of Parliament this week should be considered.

No Imitators.

Sir Burton Chadwick is much praised for his chivalry in resigning a minor office to make way for a younger man. But no Cabinet Minister shows the least intention of following his admired example.

The Conundrum.

Ministers openly hope to be carried to power again at the General Election by the old people who have been given pensions and the young people who are going to be given votes. Well, we shall see!

Into the Mill.

Mr. H. G. Williams showed last session that he could kick when he liked. As the new Board of Trade Secretary, his utility or futility will depend on his retaining that ability.

Tired of It.

Small wonder that Lord Bledisloe is leaving the Ministry of Agriculture to take up the practical job of fertilising the Empire's pasture lands. For an agricultural "revivalist" at the present time any Government office is simply "ploughing the sands."

Up, Britain!

Balancing exports against imports and including income from shipping and investments abroad, British overseas trade last year is officially estimated to have put us £96,000,000 to the good—a richer year than for several years past. So the "calamity talkers" are proved wrong again.

Dust Throwing.

The ability, however, of the Government for glossing over painful facts is more marked every day. The tragedy is that, with a net credit balance of £96,000,000 for 1927, nothing is done to end unemployment.

Hopeful Outlook.

Present position and future prospects are both good according to our trade experts. Nevertheless, all talk of "splendid recovery" is futile while distress in the coal-fields is getting worse and worse.

The Open Road.

When we cease raising money for armaments and reinvest it in industry, the era of poverty will end and that of plenty begin. It's time to end the fight between the gun and the ploughshare. The unproductiveness of armaments is their worst sin.

Rich by Freedom.

The notion that we on this crowded island can and must live by taking in each other's washing is propagated by people who want to wall in the home customer in order to exploit him. The truth is—the bigger the export trade, the better the home market.

Taxes.

Mr. Churchill would be wise to reduce the people's burden of taxation by every means in his power. It is breaking the small householder. It is crippling big industries and bringing small ones to the ground.

Bad Statesmanship.

The penny-wise, pound-foolish plan has had too long a run. Pet theories are a poor substitute for sound policy. It's time the Government turned round and took a few long views.

Stodginess.

Magnates of the cotton industry, having abandoned longer hours and lower wages as a remedy for trade depression, now propose a policy of systematic short time! It's obvious that young blood, with new ideas, is badly needed in Lancashire.

Doubtful Reception.

No wonder other people regard these proposals with suspicion. Cotton goods are wanted all over the world, let alone at home. What's the good of still pursuing antediluvian notions?

One to Us!

The Army Council is not to take the Surrey commons after all. It shows what public opinion can do when aroused. And as we aroused it, we're not a little proud.

Public Spirit.

By the intervention of local residents, 137 acres, part of Witley-Milford Common, have been bought and handed to the National Trust. That private persons had to put their hands in their pockets shows up the iniquity of the land laws, for they were merely buying back the nation's own property.

Tariff Taradiddles.

That a great percentage of Britain's imports consists of raw materials to keep other industries going is what would-be builders of tariff walls forget. That's why we keep at them.

Peace Pays.

In 1913 Great Britain exported to Germany goods to the value of £40,677,379, and imported goods to the value of £76,183,383 from Germany, much of the latter being food and other products coming viâ Germany from Russia.

Educate Truthfully.

That the world is an economic unit, with all countries on the planet interdependent, should be taught to every school child. It would silence guns for ever if the fact was fully grasped.

Perspicacity.

Chester City Council shows good sense in establishing "a house management department," with a trained woman at its head to look after local housing estates. The ten who voted against it showed folly. Women are needed when housing is in question.

Bounties for Twins!

The parents of each of the twin First Prize "Bullets" this week will receive a bounty of £300.—See page 39.

Our Tip Taken.

Ever since the war we have steadily advocated the help of women in housing movements. Home-making is still woman's true job.

Copy Leyland.

The lucky town of the country is Leyland, with a population of 11,000, and hardly 1 per cent. out of work. New works have made new business, employing many thousands.

Business Acumen.

Yet "luck" is hardly the word to employ when a town, in the midst of universal depression, becomes prosperous. Imagination, coupled with real enterprise and pluck, is the magic wand.

Significant.

Any attempts to make capital out of inflammatory speeches by an American admiral fell dead as mutton. Nations still strewn with war wreckage have no time for war lords.

It Won't Wash.

The argument that commercial competition leads to war is to-day as silly as it is untenable. Rival grocers in the same street don't murder one another. They ginger up their own methods, and get on; otherwise, they get out.

Don't Bother About It.

The only harm American navy-building can do this country would be if it drew us into competitive building. Happily, Lord Cushenden definitely pledges our Government against anything of the kind.

Why Not?

America suggests that instead of more war memorials we should now erect a few to Peace, and that postage-stamps all over the world might be designed as envoys of good will. It's a good idea. Keep it hot.

Very Practical.

Ninety-two London families will have three-roomed flats with bath, wash-house, sink, coal-cupboard, and hot water at a weekly rental of 4s. 6d. as a result of action by Magdalen College Mission. True religion!

Poor Defrauded.

Thousands of children in this country never see a fresh egg, thousands have never tasted chicken, both commonplaces for the poor on the Continent. But there the people are on the land.

Papworth Pays.

Established as a settlement for war sufferers, Papworth is now a commercial proposition paying out thousands of pounds in wages to men who began as unskilled.

Fresh Air.

During eleven years no case of tuberculosis has been found in the 133 children of Papworth, all born of men and women who are definite cases of the disease. What an argument for taking back the population of overcrowded cities to their natural home, the land!

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Scouts' Silver Lining.
The St. Pancras Troop of Scouts and Pack of Wolf Cubs cannot always have found their job of collecting tinfoil inspiring. Nevertheless, they have thus endowed for a year a children's cot in the Royal Northern Hospital. Congratulations to them.

Home Pride.
The Birmingham Estates Department has hit on a splendid notion in sending municipal tenants a calendar bearing useful hints on household repairs and gardening. Other townships desirous of abolishing the slum spirit as well as slums might follow suit.

Asking For It.
Two more thefts of dangerous drugs, surgical instruments, in one case even valuable reports, from doctors' unattended cars have come to hand. Medical men have had ample warning. If they cannot take the hint or care of their property they should be liable to a stiff fine.

Brave Sister.
So stout of heart and head was Dorothy Archer that the sight, on running upstairs, of a mattress in flames merely induced her to pull away the five kiddies sleeping on it, calm them and hurry them to safety. Peterborough has every reason to be proud of its eight-year-old rescuer.

Happy Thought.
We congratulate the Stoke-on-Trent City Council for inaugurating a system of payment of rates by stamps, purchasable from the offices of rate-collectors, to be affixed to cards. The poor feel less pinch when paying a few pence a time. The success of the scheme is its justification.

Tender Heart.
"Well, daddy, I saved Nigger," nine-year-old Beryl Kerslake, of Weston-super-Mare, exclaimed, despite her burns received in rescuing her black spaniel from the flames of the nursery fire. Beryl will count one day in the world of men and women. We wish her and her pet a speedy recovery.

A Fine Lead.
More than five hundred large employers of labour at Salford are to be canvassed by the borough's great-hearted Mayor (Ald. A. Williamson) and prominent municipal officials, who will plead for jobs for workless men. Upon the success of this practical and helpful effort hangs the happiness of thousands of Salford homes.

What Hopes?
Even a disabled soldier who has not worked for ten years and receives 23s. weekly pension is liable for his rates. But what is the use of ordering a Pontypridd ex-Service man to pay fifty-three amounts varying from 25s. to £135 with costs, unless he is trained for employment that permits him to earn and pay such arrears?

How Long?
With forty-four warrants issued against him and sixty-eight charges, Fred Wilson was sentenced at Leeds Quarter Sessions to eighteen months' hard labour for acquiring 10s. 6d. by false pretences. We can only reiterate the crying need for mental treatment for such offenders. What good is prison going to do such a man?

Everybody's Disease.
Rheumatic diseases are costing the country nearly £2,000,000 in sick benefit and over 3,000,000 weeks' work annually. On the face of it, the appeal for £40,000, launched by Sir Arthur Stanley, head of the British Red Cross Society, for starting a London clinic to combat so general an evil, deserves recognition and support.

Our Land Laws.
American papers, commenting on the threatened loss of the magnificent view from Richmond Hill, now being preserved by various public bodies, must marvel at our antiquated and wicked land laws. It is taking the united efforts of two counties and endless money to keep for the nation what belonged to the nation from time's beginning.

Unlucky Word.
We are and always have been on the side of Judge Sir Alfred Tobin when he objects to the word "dole" on account of the sense of inferiority it gives. No good can come from adding to the misfortunes of those obliged to draw unemployment pay by making them feel ashamed of it.

Practical Help.
Thomas Read was before the Preston magistrates for peddling without a certificate, but the summons was dismissed immediately they were told that he had no money to buy one and that two bairns were dependent on him. Moreover, they bought him a certificate and gave him half-a-crown. Good!

Tragic Mothers.
Nothing could be more pitiful than the pronouncement of the Deputy-Coroner for East London that Mrs. Hilda Ada Hammerton ended life for herself and her infant because she felt her lack of experience for the bringing-up of a child. Education that leaves out training for possible parentage has a terrible sin to answer for.

The Goodly Sun.
The first tests of sunlight baths for pit lads show astonishing results, one boy having gained, after ten attendances, 4 lb. 9 oz. Another boy was so advanced in the cure of a skin disease that the officer in charge of the baths at Mansfield failed to recognise him. What an encouragement for collieries everywhere to undertake similar good work.

The Invasion.
"Rats wake me up and I see their gimlet eyes watching me. Food is snatched by rats during the day almost from under our feet." This is not a sentence culled from the diary of an ancient dungeon prisoner, but the statement of a decent Lambeth woman, referring to her home from which the floods have subsided. It contains the full indictment of municipal mismanagement, which any added words of ours would spoil.

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The Human Machine

Don't Give Up

by E. R. THOMPSON, M.A.

ARE you depressed at the thought of increasing years? Do the years weigh ever more heavily upon you?

If so, I would like a moment's chat with you—for you need a little help and advice.

Let us leave youth to take care of itself for once. It has energy and enthusiasm and drive: it can get along.

I want to say a few words to those of you who feel that the wheels are slowing down, to those who feel that the fire of enthusiasm is fading and the optimism of youth departing.

And I want to say this—that you have got a blessing that youth can never know. You have got something that can only be attained by increasing years.

The solid blessing that comes with age is the dropping of illusions, and the increasing ability to distinguish true values from false.

DO you see what I mean? As bodily activity becomes more and more irksome there is no need to become a cabbage.

It is the time of life above all others when thought should be cultivated, when experience should be called in to redress the balance and used to sift the grain from the chaff.

It is the time when the problems that have beset us can be viewed calmly and dispassionately and their underlying causes sought and analysed for the benefit of others.

As you get older your value to your fellows should increase—not decrease—for sound thought is always the world's most precious commodity.

It is in your own hands. Whether you are nineteen or ninety you are still master of your fate.

Poor Farmer.
The Chingford Urban Council, by running sewers through his fields, has played havoc with Frederick Charles Thompson, forced to vacate his farm through inability to make it pay and summoned for arrears of rates. The chairman of the Epping Police Court has done what he could in dismissing the case. Now it is surely up to the council to put him in touch with a job.

Too Late.
Had she restricted her passion for drink and her family of twenty to a reasonable number of children, Rachel Silver, of Lambeth, instead of at forty-eight committing suicide by coal-gas poisoning, might have been the devoted mother she was when sober. Pity that her utter want of self-control, symptom of a diseased mind, was never recognised and treated medically.

Advice Worth Having.
A lengthy title does not hinder the Public Secondary Schools Head Mistresses Employment Committee in Co-operation with the Ministry of Labour from starting girls in a career. Thousands are advised at Montague House, London, and put in touch with suitable posts. No work is better worth while than helping to transform the raw schoolgirl into a useful citizen.

A Bitter Pill.
Workless men in Middlesbrough describe the action of the guardians in offering them the workhouse as an alternative to starvation as "putting a premium on wife desertion." We think it a call to the whole country to end an intolerable situation. There's work to be done, and all sorts of evils will continue until the will and the means are found to set workless men to do it.

Justice and Mercy.
Wounded three times, shell shocked, with insanity in the family, we welcome Mr. Justice Sankey's decision that he would not dream of sending Thomas Markham, ex-soldier, accused of highway robbery with violence, to prison. In binding him over for two years on condition that he enters a hospital for neurotic cases at Cosham, the judge properly tempered justice with mercy.

Not Wanted.
We appreciate Captain Clayton's plea that York magistrates should help by severe punishment to keep "undesirables" such as Joseph Leonard, Arthur Farrell and William Harker, privates, charged with wilfully breaking a shop window, out of the Army. If the Army does not want them, neither does society, and fourteen days' hard labour is ill qualified to make them either soldiers or citizens.

Wrong Medicine.
Of no fixed abode, with a reputation of "never working" and being "always in and out of jail," William Hargate and Jeremiah Vaughan are precisely those who have no business inside a prison cell. Had Barnsley West Riding magistrates been able to order them mental treatment, instead of giving sentences of twelve and three months respectively, we might hear no more of their habits of sleeping by day and marauding by night.

Leniency and Luck.
To rob one's sleeping pals is a particularly mean offence, yet we are glad that Private Leslie Dodwell, aged twenty, of the Warwickshire Regiment, is to be given another chance. He was arrested while waiting to get married. The Army offered to take him back, his sweetheart stated her willingness to marry him, and a Woking clergyman promised to perform the ceremony free. We feel sure the lad will go dead straight in the future.

The Right Type.
Of late the public have got rather tired of undergraduates and their rags, and it is a pleasure therefore to record the ready pluck of Messrs. Must and Lorke, of Trinity College, Cambridge. The two young men were cycling through the village of Lode when they heard a cry of "Fire!" They rescued a woman and a boy aged three from a burning cottage and also put out the fire. The two young men are a credit to the University.

Convicts' Silly Task.
Convicts in Peterhead Prison are sweating out valuable energy in building a harbour costing £32,000 a year, which is unlikely to be completed under thirty years and is foredoomed by experts never to be a success. Is the nation so rich in money and so bankrupt of ideas that more practical work cannot be devised?

Scandalous Order.
Land sublet to allotment-holders by the Upminster Parish Council, who leased it from the owner, is wanted for a golf-course. The men who grow food must quit in September to make way for the men who merely play, unless the Minister of Agriculture intervenes. We tell him plainly that it is his bounden duty to do it.

Where It Comes From.
A newspaper reports the fact that the Erith Urban Council retains the right to add half-a-crown a week to the rent when a tenant has a lodger. If this is designed to make sub-letting profiteers disgorge part of their plunder it will hardly tend to suppress the evil, for, after all, the half-crowns will simply come out of the pockets of the unfortunate sub-tenants.

What About It?
The weather is claimed to be too rough for the *Robert Murray*, a fishing-steamer, to call at St. Kilda, where no mails or provisions have been received since December 9. We believe the inadequacy of the Post Office pay of 10s. for delivering nine bags of mails accounts for the milk in the cocoanut. Cannot something be done to provide St. Kildeans with belated Christmas and New Year cheer?

Heading for Danger.
Alice Taylor, who for the last year has been tramping the country with a vagabond posing as an ex-soldier and who has been sent to jail for eight months for stealing bedding and cutlery, had better change her methods since being bound over by Barnsley magistrates. With three children, and living apart from her husband, she is unlikely to retain the pension she draws, unless she settles down to a decent life.

To Parents.
It is laid down in the Royal Warrant that if either or both of the parents of a deceased soldier is or are wholly or partly incapable of self-support from age or infirmity and in pecuniary need, a "need" pension can be granted in certain circumstances. Occasionally, a pre-war dependency pension can also be increased on the above grounds. Our Pensions Expert will be glad to deal with the cases of parents who are in doubt.

The Crime.
In binding over three men, one married, charged with stealing silk from their employers, Charles Macintosh and Co., Ltd., of Brook Street Mills, Manchester, the magistrates, while heavily fining the receiver of the goods, showed their opinion of the wages paid, which were often 23s., 18s. and even 12s. weekly. The Bench believed the prisoners when they said they were always hard up. Such poverty destroys both body and soul.

Worrying for Work.
When the proposal to lay down a greyhound race-track at Old Trafford, Manchester, became known to the unemployed, eight hundred men stormed the gates of the White City in their eagerness to secure work. They began to collect as early as 5 a.m., and the police had to be summoned, though no damage was done. To argue, in face of this, that men prefer to live in idleness on the "dole" is nothing less than a despicable lie.

Persistent Thief.
Six weeks' imprisonment for stealing food from the house, and money from the maid, where she was employed as charwoman, is hardly enough to improve Maud Miles, of Nottingham, described as persistent thief, who has already "done time" and been on probation for larceny and theft. The wife of a most respectable man, able to support her, is a thousand pities if with all our science and skill we cannot teach her how not to disgrace her most useful profession

Dangerous Pose.
Complete with electrical apparatus, William Faulkner, of Wardrobe Chambers, Queen Victoria Street, E.C., successfully posed as a doctor until exposed by a police officer to whom he attributed fictitious diseases. Already twice convicted of fraud, he is lucky to be paying the maximum fine of £20 with £10 10s. costs. Another time he should not be allowed to escape prison.

Gush for the Gullible.
D. Gregory, of Little Newport Street, London, W.C., is one of those very polite bookmakers who "invites" people to send him any business they may "wish" to have dealt with in "a straightforward manner." Such politeness, however, does not pay his disappointed clients. Several have lately been clamouring for their winnings and now their letters are being returned by the postal authorities. Gregory has gone!

Criminal Neglect.
At an inquest on a ten-months-old baby, the Leeds City Coroner stressed the urgent necessity of fireguards. It is a scandal that the law insisting on these should so openly be flouted. He pointed out that they could be obtained from the Babies' Welfare Association on payment of a small desposit; but in cases of extreme poverty, or where they cannot be obtained, they should be supplied free by the authorities. The welfare of the child is the wealth of the community.

Muddle-headed.
It is difficult to understand the logic of a jury which, in a criminal court, brings in a verdict of guilty, yet adds that the matter should have been brought before the county court. It is more difficult still to follow the reasoning of a judge who passed a sentence of eighteen months' hard labour in the face of this. Frederick Ward is not the only man who has had cause to bless the Court of Criminal Appeal, and the Lord Chief Justice was justified in condemning the verdict as "hopeless."

Who Is Safe!
A registry office that sent a confirmed thief out as cook was condemned by Mr. Bingley, the Marylebone magistrate, when Mary Roberts, a woman of many convictions, was sent to prison for stealing extensively from her mistress. Even those willing to offer a chance should be given the facts, and not have thieves turned loose in their household. Mr. Bingley was right in calling it "monstrous," and it is a pity he was powerless to deal with the registry office that was so careless of its duty.

"Specialist's" High Fees.
Mrs. Clara E. Slater, of Cromwell House, High Holborn, London, describes herself as an "abdominal belt specialist," and gives advice to women in respect to various ailments. Her advice nearly always takes the form of pressing the client to purchase one or more of her very costly appliances. Gushing and friendly at the outset, her attitude changes remarkably if any client eventually decides not to follow the advice given. Incidentally, Mrs. Slater does not appear to have any recognised medical qualifications.

Bait for Budding Songsters.
"Free publication for songs" is the slogan of the Freeman (Song) Publicity Service, of Queen Elizabeth Walk, Stoke Newington, accredited agents for the West Central Publishing Co., London. Great pains are taken to impress budding song-writers with the fact that they can have their efforts set to music and published free of charge, yet towards the end of a lengthy pamphlet we find that £3 3s. must first be paid over "as an act of good faith." No mention is made of any such "act" on the part of the publishers.

All Records Broken!

414 MORE CHEQUES TO REGISTERED READERS

(See page 2.)

Problems of Life

The Guiding Light

by the Rev. R. J. CAMPBELL, D.D.

A FRIEND who read what I wrote lately on "Living in Darkness" said to me afterwards, "You have not told all you know."

He is right about that; I have not.

Dr. R. J. Campbell

He also said: "People who have been crushed and broken by the hardness of life need more comfort than you gave them. Tell them where to find it."

I thought I had done so, but will try again.

Some people might think it impossible to enter into experiences not one's own or shed any real light upon them, but that is not so.

I know the sterner side of life as well as most people, and it is because of what I have learned therein that I offer to others what has helped me.

What does my friend mean by comfort? I think he means what will soothe a wounded spirit or restore peace to a distracted mind.

THIS is all right as far as it goes, but the literal meaning of the word is "strengthening with"—that is, making strong.

You have not helped a sufferer much unless you have left him stronger than you found him.

Give a beaten man confidence in himself and hope for the future, and you have done more for him than by condoling with him and leaving it at that.

I am not speaking of external help. Too many people rely on others for help in misfortune. I am speaking of spiritual help—no cant phrase—the kind of help that energises the will and makes it easier to believe in the essential goodness of life.

Only one thing can do that, so far as I know, and it is the lifting power of religion.

I am not commending my own form of religion in saying this; it is true of all religion worthy of the name.

It is true of Julian Huxley's religion which hardly leaves room for belief in a personal God at all as the word is usually understood.

FOR what is religion but the assurance that at the heart of things is a power that works towards betterment? We feel the urge of that power in our hearts; all idealism is born of it.

Washington Gladden's inspiring creed, written when he was over eighty, is also mine:

When the anchors that hope has cast
  Are dragging in the gale,
I am holding, holding fast
  To the things that cannot fail.
In the darkest night of the year
  When the stars have all gone out,
I know that I dare not fear,
  That faith is better than doubt;
And that somewhere beyond the stars
  Is a love that is better than fate:
When the night unlocks her bars
  I shall see it—and I will wait.

POISONED MEAT: Shocking Facts

THE GREAT "SLINK" SCANDAL

Traffic in Disease

QUITE eminent lawyers have suggested that there are degrees in murder, and that the law ought to recognise the fact.

We have not yet seen any suggestion that the people who deliberately sell poisoned meat which causes disease which in its turn often ends in death should be graded amongst the murderers.

This is, of course, impossible, since the effect does not follow the cause quickly or directly enough, and it is not possible to prove, save in exceptional cases, that poisoned meat is the *sole* cause of death.

But it is certainly possible to prove that such meat causes disease, and it is time that the people who spread disease in order to make exorbitant profits were given a more fitting punishment for their crimes than magistrates are, as yet, willing to inflict.

What a trap-door revealed

What is known as the "slink" meat trade appears to be on the upgrade, since cases are reported every day, and for every slink merchant captured a hundred run free.

A typically horrible case is reported from Bolton. On December 15, the Bolton Health Authorities visited the butcher's shop of Rose Hannah Gill, at 227, Bridgeman Street.

In the living-room behind the shop they removed a couch from over a trap-door and went down some stairs to the cellar, the only entrance.

The meat inspector had been visiting the shop for four years and had never before suspected the existence of the secret room. In it he found nine pieces of meat, which he immediately seized.

One of the pieces, weighing 94 lb., was extensively diseased with tuberculosis and was also dropsied. Six other pieces were tuberculous. The remaining two were wet and dropsical.

The woman was fined £20 in each case, a total of £180, which she paid—and no wonder. Probably she thought that she was lucky to get off with a fine.

It was stated in court that from one penny to twopence per pound had been paid for the 400 lb. of meat seized in this case.

Black record

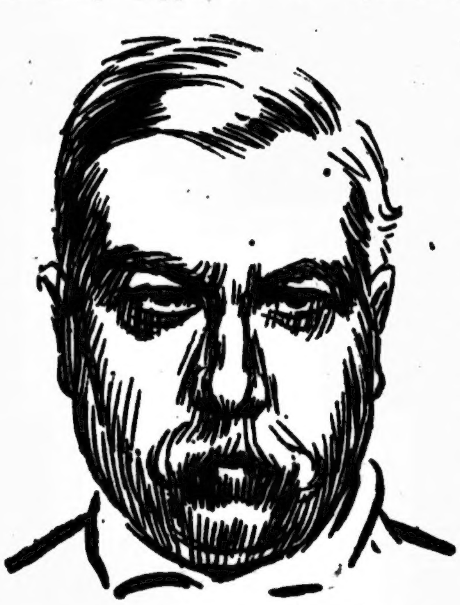
We have gone to some trouble and expense to investigate the records of these Gills, butchers of Bolton.

Rose Hannah Gill's husband, Ralph Henry Gill, has a record of six convictions, dating back to November 8, 1915, for offences in connection with slaughtering and moving cattle and holding tubercular meat for sale.

The latter case invites comment. On November 27, 1923, Gill was charged with having a beef tongue on his premises which was tubercular, or, to quote a veterinary inspector, "was exceedingly and extensively affected with tuberculous deposits."

It would be interesting to know who had eaten the beast to which the tongue had formerly belonged, but that is by the way. The magistrates inflicted the maximum sentence of three months' hard labour.

But note the sequel. Gill immediately appealed to Quarter Sessions and briefed the late Sir Edward Marshall Hall at a fee, it has been stated, of £300.



Dr. C. W. Paget Moffatt, M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., Medical Officer of Health, who is to be congratulated on his efforts to stamp out the diseased meat traffic in Bolton

Tender Recorder

Sir Edward pleaded so eloquently that the sentence was "a savage one" that the Recorder quashed the sentence of imprisonment and inflicted in its stead a fine of £20.

This in spite of the fact that Gill had previously paid two fines of £10, one of £30, one of £100 and £40 costs, and one of £200 and thirty guineas costs in connection with various offences under the Acts, or regulations dealing with cattle or meat.

When Gill paid the £100 fine he was reported to own six shops. When the Recorder so kindly substituted £20 and costs for three months' hard it was reported that the man had fourteen shops, and yet the offence for which the £20 fine was inflicted was even worse from the point of view of public health than that for which he—on February 4, 1920—paid £200 and costs.

It is seldom that a bench of magistrates can be found strong enough to inflict a sentence of imprisonment in a slink meat case. It is a great pity that when magistrates do so they are overruled by a superior court.

At the examination in bankruptcy of the man Gill, he stated that he had paid £1,410 in connection with the appeal above mentioned—the money having been provided by "sympathisers"—and that he had had hundreds of thousands of pounds in his time, but had spent it.

"I have put a thousand pounds in my pocket and have gone on enjoyment and 'blued' it," he boasted, yet, according to his own statement, his earnings for the last twelve years had been between £3 and £4 per week.

He could find £1,410 for an appeal against a sentence of imprisonment, but when the Bolton Corporation sued him for £157 0s. 7d. for its costs in an action against him, *he went bankrupt for that amount.*

Useless fines

Gill has now no shops, at least in his own name. He is a "cattle dealer."

His wife, who, besides the £180 she had paid in the case first mentioned, had also to pay £10 on December 21, 1926, for having deposited on her premises a beef skull unsound and unfit for human food, has two places of business, the shop in Bridgeman Street and a butcher's shop in what is known as "Gill's Market," as well as in a private slaughter-house.

The authorities have long been alive to the slink meat trade in Bolton, for they realise what a menace it is to the public health.

They are anxious to discover who is the moving spirit behind this infamous trade, for they feel that until they do the traffic will not be suppressed.

They will doubtless keep a vigilant eye on the activities of Mr. and Mrs. Gill. Between them the precious pair have already paid well over £600 in fines and costs for various offences in connection with cattle and meat, yet they can still carry on. Fines are not enough.

Send them to jail!

In all cases where people are found guilty of offering poisoned meat for sale the penalty ought to be imprisonment without the option of a fine. In no other way can this disease-producing trade be stamped out. Even that in itself is not enough.

Bolton happens to have a Medical Officer of Health who is doing all he can to eliminate the vile trade and an extremely competent meat inspector.

But there are many towns and rural districts where the Medical Officer of Health has no time to devote to meat inspection and no competent inspectors.

What is needed is the closing of all private slaughter-houses, the inspection of all beasts before and after slaughter, the registration of all food shops and the automatic closure of any shop in which diseased meat is found exposed for sale.

If these measures are not taken the trade will continue. It pays.

Double Dealing

Mitchell's Murky Methods

SOME time ago we commented on the introduction by Leslie's Agency, Ltd., of 182, Fleet Street, of one of our readers to a man named H. J. Mitchell, carrying on business as C. Holmes and Co., at Cromwell House, High Holborn.

Our reader lost £150 as a result of a few weeks' association with Mitchell, who apparently did a considerable trade in dress goods which he imported from Belgium.

The experiences of two Belgian firms throw further light on the shadiness of Mitchell's business transactions.

Last September, La Compagnie Cotonniere et Lamiere, of Brussels, received an enquiry from Holmes and Co. for samples and prices of their goods.

This was followed by an order for goods to the value of £105, accompanied by what Mitchell described as the "usual trade references."

The names of the firms given as references were the Empire Import and Export Co., of 182, Fleet Street, and J. Howard and Co., mantle manufacturers, of 5, High Holborn, W.C.

Strange references

The Brussels firm despatched the goods and awaited Mitchell's cheque, which he promised seven days after invoices and statement were received.

When the cheque was not forthcoming, they sent a gentle reminder, but their letter was returned marked "Gone away." They then communicated with a firm of London solicitors through their legal agents in Brussels.

The solicitors found that not only had Mitchell gone away, but that the "references" he furnished were accommodation addresses for letters.

They then communicated with New Scotland Yard, to discover that their clients were not the first firm in Brussels whom Mitchell had defrauded.

A few months previously another firm had sold this man goods to the value of £110, for which they had received a cheque.

The cheque was not drawn on the account of C. Holmes and Co. or Mitchell, but bore another signature. When presented for payment it was returned dishonoured.

Apparently the only remedy for these two unfortunate Brussels firms is for them to come to England and lay information so that a warrant may be issued for Mitchell's arrest.

Lowering prestige

It seems a pity that men like Mitchell should be allowed to lower the high prestige which British traders generally enjoy in their dealings with other countries.

We suggest that it ought to be possible for the Public Prosecutor to take action in cases of this nature and not leave the initiative to foreign firms, or put them to the loss of time and money necessary to bring rogues like Mitchell to justice.

FASCINATING WOMAN'S FRAUD

THE PLUNDERING MRS. POOLE

As Bad as She's Beautiful

A FEMALE forger has arisen in criminal circles, and has latterly operated in the name of Mrs. N. Poole. She has found many victims, mostly amongst poor shopkeepers.

This woman, who is very beautiful, favours many names, but does not exhibit the same weakness for fashionable attire so common among most female crooks. It suits her purpose better to affect the plain but neat dress of the superior servant type.

But this unassuming exterior only serves to cloak one of the most accomplished schemers extant. She never operates twice in the same district.

When Mrs. Poole has selected the field for her endeavours, she makes a few discreet enquiries concerning the movements and habits of a certain comfortably off middle-class family, paying particular attention to the quarters where they do their shopping.

Having explored the ground to her satisfaction, Mrs. Poole next subjects one of the shops to a prolonged scrutiny, selecting as her final choice the establishment which has the smallest staff.

Making her bow

With infinite patience, she watches until a woman assistant has been left to serve alone, and as she makes her selection with such care, the desired moment is almost certain to arrive eventually.

Then she enters the shop in a diffident and unpretentious manner, and, with a becoming smile, explains that she is the new servant employed by a local lady, whose name she gives, and who is well known as one of the shop's best and most honoured "ready-money" customers.

Her mistress, she explains, has run short of some stated commodity, and has sent her to make the necessary purchase. No suspicion is aroused, as Mrs. Poole so aptly looks her part and tells her story so simply and so convincingly accurate in detail.

Staggering information

She recently entered a dairy in the West Central district, and posing as the new servant of a known customer, ordered some provisions from the solitary girl assistant then on duty.

While the purchases were being packed up for her, Mrs. Poole talked dismally about the constant run of bad weather then prevailing.

But her tone brightened when she mentioned her new mistress, whom she referred to appreciatively as "so kind hearted."

In return for the goods she tendered a £5 note. The assistant explained that it was usual to get customers to endorse banknotes, and when she produced pen and ink, the "new maid" readily wrote "N. Poole" upon the back of the note and casually gathered up the change, which amounted to just over £4 10s.

The £5 note was duly paid into the bank by the shopkeeper without query, and, in fact, some considerable time elapsed before any suspicion was entertained.

Then, one day a police officer visited the dairy and disclosed the staggering information that the note in question was a superb forgery.

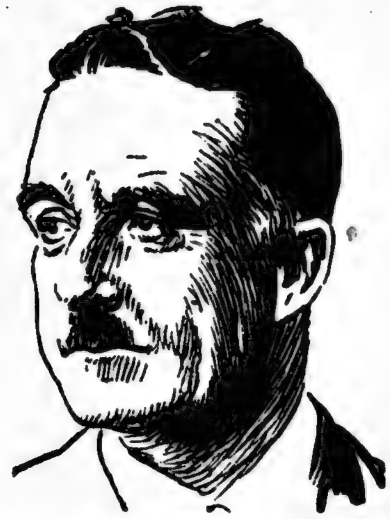
Of course, the customer whose name had been misused by Mrs. Poole had never even heard of the lady.

Similar coups, in some of which Mrs. Poole has actually negotiated spurious £10 notes, have been reported to Scotland Yard from Kensington, Highgate, Paddington and elsewhere.

In this way numerous shopkeepers, many of them none too prosperous, have been cruelly imposed upon by this pale-faced, dark-haired adventuress.

Her aliases include those of "A. Nelson," "C. Lee," "M. Tarr," "M. Sym," "M. Carr" "N. Ree," and "Mrs. Hills."

She remains quite undaunted when any prospective dupe is more cautious than usual and exhibits a patience and deliberation that are at once disarming and representative of her cool self-assurance.



Superintendent Percy Savage, Chief of the Central Branch, Scotland Yard, whose officers are doing their best to apprehend Mrs. Poole

Brazen impudence

On one occasion, indeed, when she entered a draper's shop to purchase a pair of gloves for yet another of her phantom mistresses, the assistant had insufficient cash available and asked her to wait while she got change from an adjacent store.

A less accomplished criminal would doubtlessly have scented danger and would have beaten her retreat while still safe. Not so Mrs. Poole, who waited for nearly half an hour, while the girl went from neighbour to neighbour in her hunt for change!

There are certain points we should like to stress, as they may assist in this clever woman's detection.

She invariably times her coups to take place between the hours of five and seven in the evening; thus shops are almost certain to have the day's takings in the till, and cannot possibly pass the spurious note into the bank until the following day.

There is also a fixed stare in one of her eyes which, while not seriously detracting from her personal charm, has been observed by her victims.

Finally, she has the marked mannerism of twitching her features slightly in conversation.

It cannot be said whether the banknotes are her own work or whether she is a specialist at circulating spurious currency on behalf of a clever gang. But the notes are all executed by hand and are such excellent replicas that more than one bank has been deceived.

In publishing this exclusive exposure of the plundering Mrs. Poole, we trust that prospective dupes will be warned in time, and that her long-overdue arrest will not be deferred many more weeks.

CORONER'S BAD BLUNDER

ONE CENSURE—AND ANOTHER

A CORONER'S court is not a court of justice in the general sense, yet not infrequently coroners pass judgment on people concerned in cases before them in a strange manner.

An instance in point occurred recently at an inquest held by the Lambeth coroner, Mr. Ingleby Oddie, on the newly born female child of Rose Elizabeth Griffiths, a girl of eighteen, living with her parents at Kennington.

This girl was in hospital at the time of the inquest. The only evidence heard was that tendered by her mother, the police and the doctors.

Alarming allegation

Replying to questions put to her by the coroner, the mother stated that her daughter had been employed by a tailor in Wardour Street, W.

Her employment was suspended last August owing to slackness of trade. She did not know anything about her daughter's employer.

The child was born on October 28, but it was not until November 19 that Rose confessed it to her mother. Her mother informed the police.

In a written statement the girl alleged that her employer was the father.

Different story

Medical evidence showed that the child was still-born and a verdict to that effect was returned.

Before returning his verdict, Mr. Ingleby Oddie observed that it appeared that this poor girl had been the victim of her employer, who ought to be thoroughly ashamed of himself.

He took advantage of her position and ignorance and youth, and then dismissed her and left her to her fate.

The employer's own story is essentially different. Although he had been visited by the police, he was not called to the inquest nor was he informed when it would take place. The first intimation to him was a report in a newspaper.

Mr. S. A. Eburne, the gentleman concerned, immediately wrote to Mr. Ingleby Oddie protesting at the statements made against him. His letter was not answered. Mr. Eburne has lived all his life in London and bears a blameless character.

He has been married for eighteen years and his wife says that he has always been a good husband and father and that they have lived together without the slightest cloud on their happiness.

Employees' testimony

Mr. Eburne declares that the accusation is utterly false. The tailoresses whom he employed, one of whom has worked both for his father and for him for many years, say that he is a man of the strictest morality, so far as their knowledge of him is concerned.

Rose Griffiths lives in a two-roomed tenement with her parents and a brother, aged thirteen. From August 26, when she ceased work, to October 28, when the child was born, she was at home unemployed. Her condition had been observed by her women companions at work and they had spoken to her about it, but her own mother professes to have been entirely ignorant of it.

Rightful due

Mr. Eburne states that she was not "dismissed and left to her fate," as the coroner suggested. The other women employed by him were suspended at the same time owing to slackness. When the time came that he was able to re-employ her, she was too ill.

Mrs. Eburne is convinced of her husband's innocence, but she very rightly maintains that it is due to her and to her children that it should be publicly established.

Statements made by a coroner in the exercise of his office are privileged, but the opinion may be expressed that he was clearly not entitled to say what he did on the facts which have been made public.

THE APE MEN

PESTS ON THE PROWL

The Nightfall Stabber

WHEN respectable women cannot pass along our thoroughfares without being insulted, it is time that strong action were taken. Unprincipled cads when caught must be sternly dealt with

THERE are certain unprincipled rogues roaming the West End of London whom we should like to see under lock and key.

So long as they are permitted to remain at large they constitute a grave menace to unescorted women, and they have developed such brazen effrontery that they do not even select the quieter streets for the scene of their operations.

To bring home the significance of this point, we are here enabled to give the exclusive story of some remarkable incidents that were enacted in no less busy a quarter than Oxford Circus only a few nights ago.

Detective-Sergeant Frank Pearce, of the Vine Street Criminal Investigation Department, was on late duty on the night in question, and left the police station at approximately 11.30.

Savage conduct

Walking through Regent Street on his way home, Sergeant Pearce saw a well-dressed young woman hurrying along in an agitated manner.

The sergeant, who was fortunately in plain clothes, observed that an equally well-dressed man was following closely in the lady's wake.

The man kept clutching at the lady's arm and addressing her in imploring tones, and although at first sight a spectator might have concluded that they were two friends who had quarrelled, the police officer saw that the lady was unusually distressed.

He therefore hurried after them, but before he could overtake the couple, he saw the lady push the man away with a gesture of despair, whereupon he retaliated by kicking her savagely upon the ankles, and flinging her to the ground!

The officer promptly dashed forward and secured the brutal assailant just as he was on the point of making a hasty escape.

The lady, whose character is of the highest, and who occupies a very important secretarial position in the West End, subsequently recounted a distressing story.

Another victim

She was returning home from the theatre when the man, who is Mr. Percy Stephen, of Hunters Grove, Hayes, suddenly molested her.

Although she did her best to repulse him, he persisted in following her for some distance, constantly clutching at her arm and making unwelcome overtures to her.

When he would not desist, she became very frightened and would have given him in charge if she could have found a policeman.

Eventually, as we have described, she was savagely assaulted and it was only by the merest chance that a plain-clothes officer was at hand.

Sergeant Pearce requested the lady to go with him to Vine Street to charge the salacious Stephen, which she pluckily agreed to do. Then an amazing thing happened.

As the trio were proceeding in the direction of Vine Street Police Station, a uniformed policeman came in sight, accompanied by another well-dressed lady, *who also appeared to be greatly agitated.* When the latter observed Stephen, she uttered a little startled scream and cried, "That's the man!"

It then transpired that this second lady, whose character is irreproachable, had been returning from a cinema, and while walking to her home-going 'bus stop, had been similarly molested by Stephen, who had also assaulted her because she resented his atrocious conduct.

Mr. Cancellor, Marlborough Street Magistrate

Before she could summon any aid, however, Stephen had been able to make good his escape after this assault, for no constable was in sight, and no plain-clothes officer chanced to be at hand as in the other case.

The lady was actually on her way to Vine Street to lodge information at the time when she encountered Sergeant Pearce and his prisoner.

Protection needed

But what would have been the use of such information had it not been for the chance arrest of Stephen. The complaint could only have been recorded against an "unknown man."

It is a disquieting fact that many highly respectable ladies have lodged complaints of this character at Vine Street and other police-stations during the past few months; but in most cases the scoundrels concerned have escaped because the streets in which these offences constantly occur are not adequately patrolled.

In this instance, Stephen's chance arrest—which was not even followed by publicity—led to his being sentenced to two months' hard labour, Mr. Cancellor, the magistrate, observing that he had "never heard of a more outrageous thing in a public place."

Countless women have to pass through the thoroughfares in question unescorted, and at late hours, and it is only right that they should be accorded the fullest protection from blackguards of this character.

In these circumstances, the Home Secretary should give the necessary instructions so that more adequate police patrols can be provided.

PUT IT ON THE FIRE!

A TRICK IN TYPE

Duping the Student

SHARE offers with a philanthropic flavour had best be ignored. Too often they are nothing but a gamble, and the loser is the one who foolishly believes that the odds are in his favour

FOR some time past a gentleman, whose literature creates the impression that he is a princely sort of philanthropist, has been operating from an office at 10 and 11, Fenchurch Street, London, E.C.

His notepaper is headed "Frederick C. Owen, Stock and Share Broker," but his activities seem to be largely confined to a dubious form of share-gambling that is known as "option dealing" and looked upon askance by all reputable financiers.

We have issued general warnings against this business, but in view of certain pertinent enquiries we have just made, it is desirable that the whole matter should be thrashed out very thoroughly.

In the unsolicited circulars sent out in the name of "Frederick C. Owen," lauding certain transactions to the skies, many reasons have been advanced to explain why particular clients have been approached.

On one occasion the alluringly-worded circulars urged perfect strangers to purchase certain 5s. jute shares, at the same time volunteering the information that the said shares would shortly rise to at least 8s. 6d.

Philanthropic offer

Although this valuable "inside information" was thus being freely disclosed, the philanthrophy of the offer did not end there.

It was not even necessary for intending speculators to forward the full 5s. to "Frederick C. Owen," as an option could be obtained upon payment of only 1s. per share.

The implication contained in the circulars was to the effect that the remaining 4s. would be found by "Frederick C. Owen," who apparently exhibited no eagerness to benefit from the transaction himself.

This latter point was made clear by the promise that all profits would go to the shilling-per-share purchasers, who would have their original deposits refunded into the bargain! Could there be a more philanthropic offer?

Many people would, of course, shun such a fantastic proposition without compunction; but, unfortunately, there are credulous souls who jump at any scheme that offers something for nothing.

It is also very clear to us that "Frederick C. Owen" addresses many of his circulars to people unversed in financial matters, such as students and clergymen.

Traps for innocents

Now, many students are liberally provided with pocket-money, and such offers as we have cited are doubtless framed to make them part with some of it. It is a pity that there is no legal protection for minors in this connection.

Lord Herschell's Act treats the sending of betting circulars to undergraduates and other minors as a criminal offence; cannot it be extended to cover these option offers which are pure gambles?

Now, who is Mr. Frederick C. Owen? We have lately had the pleasure of meeting him in person, and find that he is not the greybeard financial giant one might imagine him to be.

Borrowed name

He is, in fact, a gentleman in his early twenties, who admits that his knowledge of the intricacies of high finance is limited more or less to certain clerical work he had been doing at the Fenchurch Street office.

It is apparent, therefore, that the experience indicated in the circulars could not have emanated from him. Where, then, did it come from?

When Mr. Owen was asked a few questions on this point, he explained that his name had been used as the ostensible principal of the business by his employer, a Mr. C. W. Dickinson, who did not particularly wish to have his own name on the concern's notepaper.

Thus, a year or so ago, he promoted Mr. Owen from his office-boy grade to a better post in order to borrow his name!

This is very interesting, indeed, because Mr. Dickinson is a very notorious individual in dubious financial circles, and has been constantly exposed in reputable financial journals as a very insistent share-pusher.

He has unloaded all kinds of dubious and highly-speculative shares upon inexperienced people in the past few years, and for the most part has operated as the Exchange Investment Trust, a one-man concern run by him from County Buildings, Corporation Street, Birmingham.

Covering the tracks

In some of his share-selling escapades he has been assisted by that oft-criticised gentleman, Lord Haldon, otherwise Sir L. W. Palk, Bart., whose title has been used as bait in many queer company flotations.

In these circumstances, we should advise people who receive unsolicited circulars headed "Frederick C. Owen" to put them on the fire. Although Mr. Owen has recently parted company with Dickinson, the latter is still using the name.

Dickinson still contrives to cover up his tracks, however, by adding his own name to the notepaper in such minute and blurred type that it looks more like a broken line, put in by the printer as an adornment to the letter-heading. In nine cases out of ten it might pass unnoticed by the naked eye!

But it has not deceived us! And, after this salutary publicity, it should not deceive anyone else.

AN ASTONISHING IMPOSTER

THE "CAPTAIN" AND THE WIDOW

A Military Humbug Unmasked

IN certain higher strata of society an Army career is considered "the" thing, and sons are looked upon as hopeful candidates for Sandhurst or Woolwich almost from the cradle. Such circles are now being exploited by a very clever rogue.

He has many aliases, but to enumerate all would be useless, as he changes his name—and rank—almost every day.

Of fine military bearing, he passes easily enough as a retired military officer, and when he speaks fervently of his own Sandhurst days, there is a note in his voice that sends a thrill through those who regard the Army as the one profession.

Giving the name of Captain Hineage Cornwall, he recently called upon a lady whose husband, a colonel in the regular Army, had been killed in the Great War.

He professed ignorance of this latter fact, however, and exhibited great distress on learning that the great soldier had passed away.

At last he recovered his composure sufficiently to impart the information that he had served under the lady's late husband in India many years ago. In parting, the colonel had urged his junior officer to call upon him at any time should he be in need of assistance or advice.

Distressing tale

Captain Hineage Cornwall went on to explain that he had only recently returned from India, and, with a wife and three children dependent upon him, had just undergone much trouble and privation.

The greater part of his gratuity and savings had been swallowed up, and now had come the bitter news that his wife's mother was dying in Ireland, and he felt it incumbent upon him to take his wife and children across at once.

Having told this distressing story, he explained that the news from Ireland had come to hand after the banks were closed, and, being a complete stranger, he did not know anyone sufficiently well enough to get a cheque cashed.

Happy thought

It was in this extremity that he had thought of calling upon his old colonel with the intention of taking advantage of the latter's very kind promise made in their old soldiering days.

But, having heard that his much-revered superior was no more, he could not, of course, press the matter any further. He had merely mentioned it to explain his seeming intrusion. So, with many sincere expressions of apology, he made a motion to withdraw.

Believing her visitor's story, and touched by his apparent honesty of purpose, the widow generously lent Captain Hineage Cornwall sufficient money to cover the fares of himself and family to Belfast.

The captain expressed his fullest appreciation and insisted upon writing out a cheque there and then so that she could present it for payment on the morrow.

Little did the colonel's widow imagine that the earnest Captain Cornwall was not a regular captain at all, but an expert tale-telling rogue, making his living by fraud.

The truth is that, before making his call, Cornwall always takes pains to find out something about the personal history of intended victims, concentrating upon reference-books and Army Lists in order to obtain suitable details to enable him to talk freely in gossipy vein about the person whose name he gives.

Of course, Captain Cornwall had never known the colonel above referred to, but it was only when his cheque came back from the bank marked "No account" that the widow realised how cruelly she had been duped.

Unfortunately, she is only one of many. A few days ago this same rascal turned his attention to the mother of a Member of Parliament, about whose movements he spoke with an air of authority.

In the end he obtained a substantial sum of money on the strength of a tale garnished with falsehoods.

Just prior to that coup he was successful in victimising a retired colonel, and on other occasions he has drawn at least two generals and one field-marshal into his net.

Tickling their ears

The police have also received numerous complaints from parents of regular officers serving abroad, whose friendship he claims for the purpose of obtaining money.

In the latter cases, Cornwall has picked the sons' names out of the Army Lists and has assumed the rôle of a brother officer.

After he has told parents how "Ernest" or "Hubert" is getting along in India or China, or has expressed the hope that "Clarence" is going to get a command, and so forth, with some regimental gossip thrown in by way of local colour, he eventually gets down to business.

Sir Arthur Hirtzel, K.C.B., Permanent Under-Secretary, India Office, where many complaints have been received

He usually departs with a wallet bulging with Treasury notes and with fervent promises of speedy repayment upon his lying lips.

Cornwall does not always call upon a victim in person, but sometimes writes to the relatives of dead or living Army officers, telling much the same sort of stories and thus securing his plunder through the medium of the post.

At present he is a gentleman of no fixed abode, but makes a habit of flitting from one West End hotel to another, passing variously as "Captain Simpson," "Captain Dennis," "Captain Thruston" and "Major Nugent."

We are also aware that he has been to jail for embezzlement and fraud, and that complaints have reached the War Office, the India Office and Scotland Yard.

We hope, therefore, that no effort will be spared to bring him to book.

A Vigilant Vampire

Mail-Order Mountebank's Spoof

"EVER since I left College in Edinburgh & quite A Young Man, I have gained more experience & MORE MONEY" is a phrase taken from a flamboyant document issued by our old acquaintance, Professor C. Van de Zaar, of Haarlem, Holland.

The professor is now out to make some more money by roping in clients for his £5 system (reduced for a short time to 10s. only).

Big claims

Without being so indiscreet as to divulge names and addresses, he asserts that two London patrons are making £5,000 annually from £5 capital by his system. He claims to have clients "that absolutely role (*sic*) in gold."

He could mention, he states, "100 living in England alone who live in beautiful mansions and run their own motor-cars."

"One of my American clients," he gabbles on, "has built for himself a house of white granite, five storeyˢ high.

Golden dazzle

"A million dollars has been spent on Eastern furnishings and curios alone," and prospective system-buyers are dazzled with a description of the golden stairs and golden dinner services valued at thousands of pounds possessed by his successful students.

We give a final extract from Van de Zaar's hair-raising appeal:

"A bright and golden future awaits you, your success and fortune is on the wing & Staring you in the face.

"Fortune may never knock at your door again, do not let it role over your back, but grasp it while fortune smiles on you."

Our readers will be wise in closing both their doors and their pockets against allowing any money to "role" into the hands of this spoofing mail-order mountebank.

Preposterous Behaviour!

Magistrates' Harsh Decision

AN unbelievable story of harsh treatment meted out to a brave old soldier comes from Immingham.

Mr. Long, aged sixty-three, is spending miserable, anxious days, with the fear staring him in the face of being sent to prison for one month because he cannot meet a demand note for rates amounting to £7 1s. 4d.

He is suffering from heart failure, incapacitating him for work for over a year. He and his wife, aged sixty-seven, enjoy the handsome pension of £1 per week, earned for them at the cost of their son's death in the war.

Explanation needed

Out of this they pay a rental of 5s. 10d. per week, water rate, coal at 3s. 6d. for two bags, light, food and clothing. Can the Grimsby magistrates explain how a sum of £7 odd can be squeezed out of this lavish income?

Prior to last July, Mr. and Mrs. Long were drawing parish relief and a pension of 5s. per week. As soon as the authorities discovered that the pension had been increased to £1, they stopped the relief, and sent this preposterous demand note for £7 1s. 4d.

Sorry return

Mr. Long joined the Army in September, 1880, and fought through the Egyptian War of 1882. He volunteered, but was too old to fight in the Great War, and was appointed sergt.-instructor in the 1st Batt. East Yorks Volunteers. He also bears an excellent character from his former employers.

For his splendid collections on behalf of the Grimsby and District Hospital, he was made a life governor in 1923, and he holds letters from the R.A.O.B. thanking him for the sums he has raised for charitable societies.

That such a man should have to serve a term of imprisonment through the extraordinary behaviour of the magistrates seems incredible.

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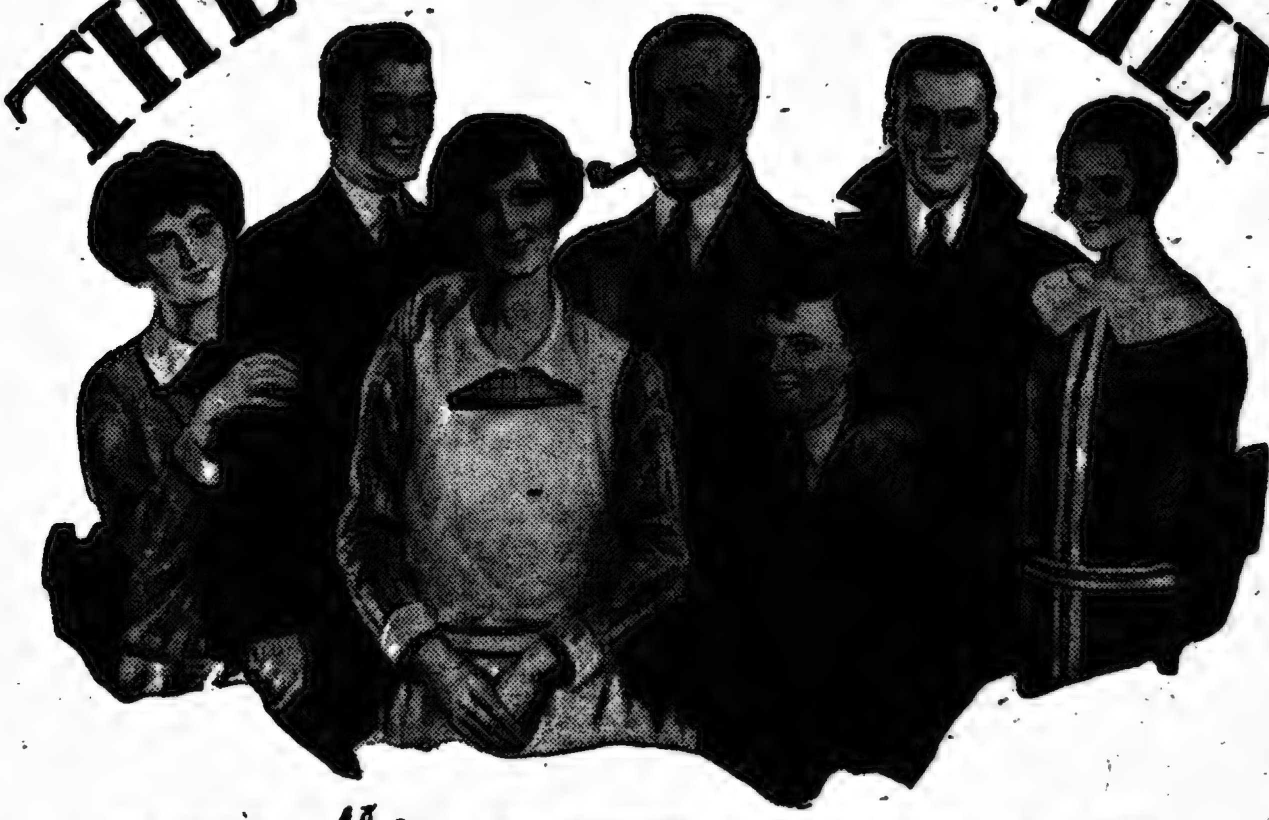

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IT is indeed time that the mock-auction gentry had a stop put to their dangerous activities. It is beyond understanding that the Government turned down a Bill that would protect the public from what can only be described as downright swindling. On its reintroduction it must be passed into law.

Are You a Mackerel?

by JOHN STEVENSON, Barrister-at-Law *(General Secretary, Incorporated Society of Auctioneers)*

LAST March a Bill was introduced in the House of Commons which, to put it simply, was intended to prevent any person, when conducting or assisting to conduct the public sale of goods by auction, from misdescribing by word or by implication for the purposes of the sale the origin of the goods on sale or the quality of the goods. Strangely enough, it was supported by members of all three Parties.

I say "strangely enough," because such unanimity is unusual. What is, perhaps, more important, the Chief Constables of many cities and towns had previously written letters in support of the Bill.

For instance, the Chief Constable of Edinburgh wrote to say that he was wholeheartedly in support of anything which would suppress mock auctions. The Chief Constables of Southport and Plymouth wrote that they were aware of the evil and hoped it would be suppressed.

Mention is only made of three letters for reasons of space, but they came from men all over the country.

Besides that, the Bill received the wholehearted support of many societies and organisations, including the National Chamber of Trade, the National and Suburban Traders' Federation, the National Association of Goldsmiths, and the Scottish Association of Watchmakers and Jewellers.

Extraordinary attitude

The support of the Bill was imposing enough, but, for some reason best known to itself, the Home Office gave no support, even although Captain Hacking, who was then the Parliamentary Under-Secretary, told the House that the subject was an important one and deserving of full debate.

This was an admission by the spokesman for the Government, and yet, despite it, and in spite of the views of the various police authorities, of the public and of the members of the auctioneering profession, the Government declined to adopt the Bill, and, at the moment, there is no indication that it will awake to a sense of its responsibility.

It is time that it did.

It isn't that the mock auctions or "rigged" sales are swindles of a novel type.

Indeed, in a book called King's "Frauds of London Detected," published in 1788, there appears a description of a "mock auction shop" in which this remarkable paragraph appears, which might almost serve to illustrate the way in which the mock-auction gentry carry out their swindles to-day:

"These people open shops, obtain goods from brokers, pawns and other things of little value, which they get puffers to set off, and bid for as valuable.

"You may know their shops and warehouses by a piece of carpeting and catalogue of articles they never had in possession pinned thereon, with a man and ragged staff placed at the door that invites you with 'Please to walk in; all sorts of goods selling here by auction.'

Fools' right

"When you enter, something is put up which my mock gentleman auctioneer may guess you are in want of and, after expatiating largely on its goodness, hands it round to his auditors, among whom are many puffers or set bidders, placed in order to enhance the value of his commodities, by bringing it up to a standard, as they call it, that is near to its value, always leaving room for the countryman to bid, which done, down goes the hammer and you are fixed as the purchaser."

Of course, the natural conclusion is that the people who could be taken in by such swindles deserve all they get, but even fools have a right to protection.

Preparing the ramp

It is not so long ago that one of JOHN BULL's Commissioners helped me to obtain restitution of nearly £100, which was the amount parted with by an English officer who now occupies the position of Chief Political Officer in one of the large native States in India. This officer most certainly would not describe himself as a fool.

He bought what were supposed to be a valuable canteen of cutlery, a silver tea and coffee service and a gold wristlet watch, the whole of which were valued afterwards at something in the region of £10, leaving a profit to the mock auctioneer of about 900 per cent.

That profit is large enough in all conscience, but even larger and equally illegitimate profits are made by the "rigged sales" merchants. One gang that is, or ought to be, well known to the police, and which is financed by an ex-bookmaker, made £3,000 in six weeks.

Their plans are always well laid. They first rent a house, then they cram it with imitation antiques with a mixture of real ones, "fake" grandfather clocks and genuine grandfather clocks, imitation Sheffield plate and plate that is actually Sheffield of big value, mock Chippendale and real Chippendale, genuine Sheraton and post-war Sheraton.

Then they advertise in the local Press the impending sale of the contents of one or another residence, and, having well salted the sale-room with confederates, the auction begins.

Disastrous results

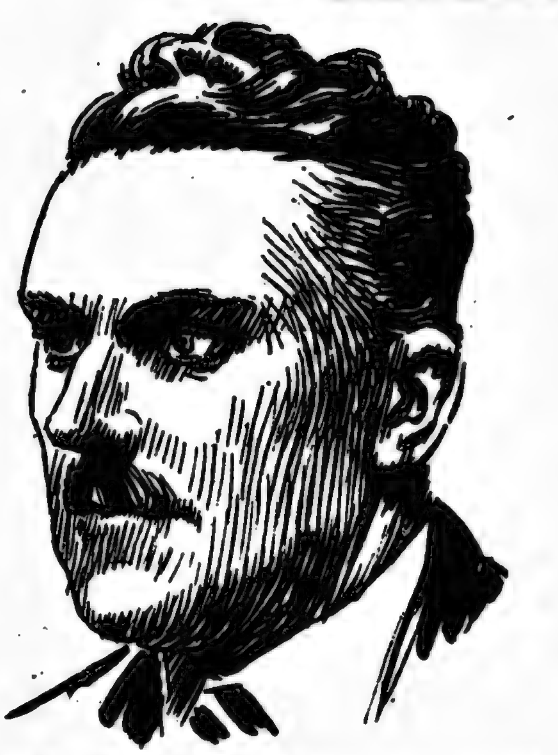
Naturally, all the genuine antiques are bought in by the gang, although it is possible that a sprat may be allowed to run free in order that it might catch a mackerel. In every case where a "rigged" sale is concerned, the public are landed with the fakes.

The sale over and the money drawn, away goes the gang to carry out a similar swindle somewhere else, while the landlord and the newspaper in which the sale was advertised have to register a bad debt, and the buyers are left to calculate ruefully how much they would have saved had they given the sale a miss.

Harking back to the mock auctioneer, in a few weeks' time these profit-taking gentry will be forsaking their winter pitches in the big inland towns and will be opening up in the seaside pleasure-resorts.

Their knowledge of human nature is fairly complete as far as one side of human nature is concerned. They know that, although quite often people can be entrapped during an evening walk through the shopping centre after the day's work, they are far more easily caught at holiday time.

Last holiday season one of the biggest Southend tradesmen voiced what is the opinion of almost all seaside tradesmen when he said that these so-called auctioneers are a curse and are giving the town a bad name.



Mr. John Stevenson, General Secretary, Incorporated Society of Auctioneers

Mrs. Wilson, who owns a large boarding-house in Blackpool, wrote telling me that she had hundreds of complaints from her visitors every year of how they had been swindled by these impostors.

Favourite tricks

From Margate, Southsea, Brighton and dozens of other well-known seaside resorts comes the same story. Often and often it happens that holidays are ruined and cut short by foolish dealings with mock auctioneers.

"No harm in doing that," thinks the guileless youth or girl asked to bid "a penny, only a penny" for a serviceable-looking pipe or brooch. So he hands up his penny. Next it is a shilling, and then out comes the note-case.

"Ricks" and "gees"—confederates and bogus bidders—who have mixed with the crowd, speedily and skilfully calculate the contents and signal them in code to the "hammerer" on the rostrum.

The favourite trick of adding the bidder's money to the goods offered and then selling him his own money back is successfully resorted to again and again, and very fortunate is the man or woman who, not alive to the game being played, still succeeds in emerging without losing all the money in his, or her, pockets.

JOHN BULL is indeed doing a great service to the British public in again calling attention to the way in which these frauds are allowed to continue unchecked by the Government.

Tripping them up

The society I represent sincerely trusts it will not be long before our mutual efforts succeed in passing into law a measure that will render unnecessary the cumbersome proof of "stealing by a trick," "conspiracy," or "false pretences," now required by the authorities before the "mock auctioneer" or the "rigged sale" merchant can be brought to book.

As the law now stands, that is the only way we can bring these people to book, and the difficulties in the way of a conviction, or even a prosecution, are often almost insuperable. If, however, we secure the passage of our Bill into law, our way will be made plain and easy, and the too-long run of the swindlers will be brought to an end.

They cannot carry on "mock auctions" or "rigged sales" without misdescribing the goods they offer. If they so misdescribe we can then get them. In that way the public will be protected.

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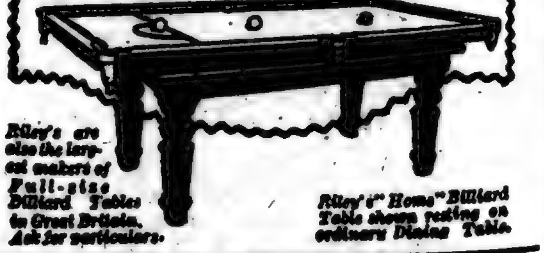

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Chancellor of the Exchequer.

Dear Sir,—Your scepticism in "considering" the restoration of the penny post is a bit of sheer financial stupidity. Chambers of Commerce are urging the return and the Postmaster-General is convinced that the Exchequer will gain if penny letters become legal again. Allow a man to know his own business, do. John Bull.

To the Rt. Hon. Sir A. STEEL-MAITLAND, M.P.,
Minister of Labour.

Dear Sir,—Your advice to electors of Lichfield to "concentrate their attention upon the figures of employment rather than those of unemployment" must have knocked your hearers flat. Ostriches cannot escape from the enemy by hiding their heads in the sand. I wish every member of the Cabinet could be compelled to live for one month as, say, an unemployed miner. That would alter the emphasis and place it on the right spot. John Bull.

To the Rt. Hon. LORD BLEDISLOE, K.B.E.,
Lydney Park, Gloucestershire.

My Lord,—Your resignation from the Ministry of Agriculture in order to devote more time to the better cultivation of grass-land in this country is astounding. That you can best serve the interests of agriculture by leaving the Ministry devoted to its service is illuminating. It rather looks as though we were spending a good deal of money on a Ministry to get what it is unable to give—namely, the furtherance of agriculture. John Bull.

To the Rt. Hon. Sir ROBERT HORNE, M.P.,
Devonshire House, Piccadilly, W.

Dear Sir,—I thank you for pointing out the folly of encouraging immigration to Australia on a large scale until that country is in a position to deal more adequately with the men on their arrival. It is cowardly to seek to solve our unemployment problem by transferring the burden to other shoulders, and a Government which so basely betrays its own citizens deserves no consideration. John Bull.

To Sir HENRY SLESSER, K.C., M.P.,
King's Bench Walk, E.C.

Dear Sir,—Your contention that, with the exception of the provision of pensions for widows, all the domestic legislation of the present Government has reduced the standard of life of the masses, and curtailed their economic liberties, would take a deal of disproving. "Everybody should have bread before anybody has cake," you claim, and I go further and insist that even the cake should go all round. John Bull.

To the Rt. Hon. REGINALD M'KENNA,
Chairman, Midland Bank.

Dear Sir,—You are an optimist seeing prophecies of the dawn of a better era fulfilled. This you rightly attribute to the greatly improved spirit between Capital and Labour working together to restore trade. Equally they must share the prosperity when good times arrive. That those who sowed have not always reaped has been the rock on which peace has too often shattered. John Bull.

To Miss MARGARET BONDFIELD, M.P.,
King Henry's Road, N.W.

Dear Madam,—Modern warfare, as you so truthfully point out, is no longer a test of individual or national bravery and chivalry, but of poison-gas and air bombs, and it is the burden caused by the manufacture of these concoctions for the wholesale slaying of civilians which keeps us poor. A world which hesitates to insist upon the abolition of war must, in face of these facts, be accounted mad. John Bull.

To Mr. BEN TURNER, O.B.E.,
Carlton Avenue, Batley.

Dear Sir,—I am glad of your assurance that the industrial peace conference on which you have embarked is to enquire closely into the causes of poverty, and to investigate possible remedies. The smug statement that the poor will always be with us is merely a woeful confession of official incompetence. John Bull.

To Mrs. BEDHALL,
President, Women's Co-operative Guild.

Dear Madam,—The demand of your organisation that local authorities be required to put into operation the powers they hold under the Maternity and Child Welfare Act of 1918 is timely. I am satisfied that if co-operative women take up the question of the awful maternity mortality in this country with intention to set matters right, something will be done. John Bull.

To Mr. W. H. D. ROUSE, Litt.D.,
Headmaster, Perse School, Cambridge.

Dear Sir,—You tell us that in the whole of your scholastic career you have never found two boys alike, and that the teacher who can succeed only with clever lads does not know his business. However, individual attention is not possible when classes are large, and the present remuneration offered to masters does not attract the best. Money spent on efficient education cannot but prove a profitable investment. John Bull.

To Mr. R. ROSS,
Chief Constable, Edinburgh.

Dear Sir,—I do not agree that the reduction in the number of street offences is due largely to unemployment and scarcity of money, for I hold that such offenders are not found to any extent amongst the working classes; nor am I satisfied that the suppression of prostitution would endanger the safety of respectable women. I claim that decency is the outcome of education and improved conditions, and that the law is strong enough to deal with wild beasts. John Bull.

To Mr. NOBLE SISSLE,
The London Pavilion.

Dear Sir,—The £1,000 given by the coloured artistes of London to the Lord Mayor's Flood Relief Fund is, it appears, a memorial to the late Florence Mills, who, when at the height of her fame, went out to the embankment night after night, distributing help to the derelicts. As showing the goodness of heart of your race, it goes in my calendar of golden deeds. John Bull.

To Major C. A. GODFREY,
Chief Constable, Salford.

Dear Sir,—Responsible women citizens of Salford urge the help of women police as being of great assistance to women and girls. You reply with a medley of antiquated opinions. Your statement about services given voluntarily during an abnormal period "becoming the subject of agitation for official recognition" insults a large body of ratepayers merely because they are not of your own sex. John Bull.

Straight from the Shoulder

The Bishop of Manchester:—"It does not matter twopence how you spell a word provided everybody knows what it is."

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Lord Cushenden:—"Another century will pass before there will be any danger of having to fight."

And not then unless present fools are allowed to prepare future danger.

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Lord Crewe:—"I trust we are finally discarding the ancient barbaric fallacy that a country must look with suspicion on the prosperity of its neighbours."

And also learning that every country's prosperity is bound to contribute to that of its neighbour's.

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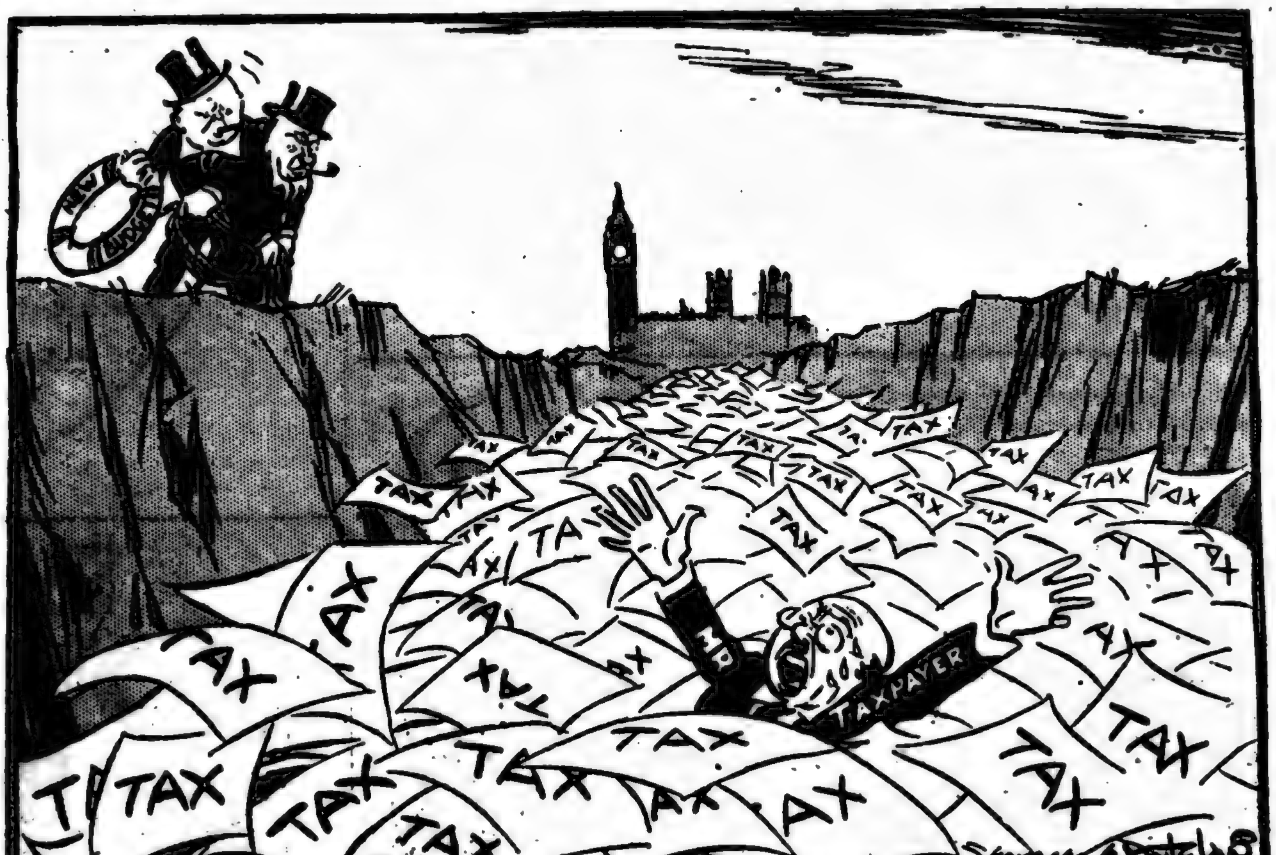
Mr. J. A. R. Cairns:—"I wonder when youth will learn that marriage is a man's job."

When man decides to teach youth and not before.



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Without Fear or Favour—by the Editor

THE MINISTRY OF MEANNESS

A ROYAL WARRANT FARCE

Write to "John Bull" About It!

WE have frequently referred to the Ministry of Pensions as "The Mean Ministry." We have ample evidence to justify our taunt.

We should be sorry to credit Major Tryon with any lack of human sympathy for the disabled ex-soldier. We do not so credit him; but we do credit him with employing people who go out of their way to seek excuses why money legally due to ex-Service men should not be paid to them.

We accuse him of allowing his subordinates to misinterpret the Royal Warrant and refuse payment on grounds that are pathetically inadequate.

We will prove what we say in the best way possible, by quoting correspondence that has recently passed between a reader of JOHN BULL and the Ministry of Pensions.

This reader served all through the war, was wounded three times, and after the Armistice went to Russia with the Royal Fusiliers.

He applied at the Wigan Sub-Office on December 16 for payment of arrears of rank allowance. He wanted these arrears badly. He had had thirty-five weeks' treatment with allowances at different periods and had been in several hospitals.

HE cannot follow his employment as a miner and for the last three months he has been ill and had to keep a wife and three children on a 30 per cent. pension and 7s. 6d. a week health insurance benefit, which was finished when he first applied for his arrears.

He was not asking for charity; he was asking for money which was legally his. Yet the Ministry of Pensions wrote to him on December 29 saying: "I desire to inform you that after careful consideration it is regretted that arrears of rank allowance cannot be paid."

He enquired again and got the following reply: "I would point out that retrospective payments of this nature can only be made with the sanction of the Ministry of Pensions headquarters, and only when it is proved that hardship was caused by the actual non-payment at the time that such allowances were issuable. In your case the Minister has determined that the allowance for rank cannot be paid in respect of a period so long since past. It is regretted, therefore, that no further action can be taken."

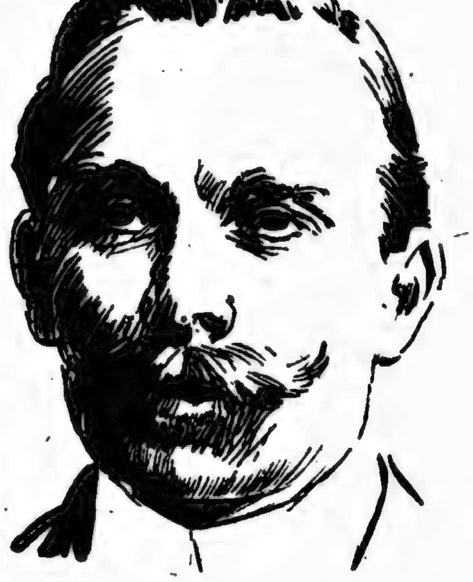
THE reader wrote to JOHN BULL's Pension Expert, and on January 5 of this year our Expert wrote to the Ministry of Pensions and said: "I am informed that arrears of rank allowance as from the 23rd September, 1925, have been refused on the grounds that it has not been proved that hardship was caused by the actual non-payment at the time when the allowances were issuable.

"Will you please have this case carefully reconsidered, and if you do not propose paying the allowances in question let me know the clause of the Royal Warrant wherein it is laid down that an allowance on account of rank is only payable if the above-mentioned condition has been satisfied."

On January 9 the Ministry of Pensions wrote that the case was having attention, and on January 25 the Ministry of Pensions wrote to say: "I am directed by the Minister of Pensions to inform you that the arrears have now been paid."

It seems almost impossible to add anything useful to a story like this. Sheer ignorance and blundering—if nothing worse—have wrongfully kept from our reader this money to which he was legally entitled until JOHN BULL pointed out that there were no possible grounds on which it could be withheld. Then it was promptly paid!

We leave it at that, save only that we direct the attention of Major Tryon very specifically to this case, which we can assure him is only one of hundreds, and we invite him to see that someone is taught as a result that the first duty of a responsible official is to know his job.



The Rt. Hon. Major G. C. Tryon, M.P., Minister of Pensions

MEAN TRICKS
And Sorry Tactics

WE notice with considerable disquietude the tendency of some public authorities to benefit themselves at the expense of employees who become eligible for old-age and other pensions.

The latest case of this sort is at Blandford, near Bournemouth. There the Finance Committee reported to the Town Council that it "had been brought to their notice" that an employee's wages had been reduced by the same amount the moment he became eligible for the old-age pension. And this, although on the showing of the surveyor, he was doing exactly the same amount of work as before.

The committee, it was further stated, agreed "that in future cases the question of the reduction of wages when an employee becomes entitled to a pension be *first considered by the council.*"

In the name of righteousness and justice why must it be considered by the council? We say bluntly that it is tantamount to sitting down to consider whether a public body should, or should not, commit a robbery.

If the council heard that a manufacturer supplying it with tools had become possessed of a small independent fortune would it "consider" breaking the contract by deducting the amount from the price it was paying for the goods? It would not.

Yet the man with only his labour to sell ought to be in an equally impregnable position so long as he delivers his daily quota. He is offering, for a certain sum, what is equally useful to the public. More; for without the toil of the man the tools are useless.

Public authorities who care anything for British justice must alter these mean tactics. That they have ever employed them shows a sorry disposition to hit only where the other party is weak and unable to hit back.

THE HOVERING DEATH

An Appalling Casualty List

FEW Home Secretaries of recent years have taken a more serious view of their responsibilities than the present head of the Home Office. He has made mistakes; but if over-zeal has been apparent in a few regrettable instances, Sir William Joynson-Hicks deserves nothing but praise for his devotion to duty on the domestic side. His steady, continual efforts for the reclamation of young criminals is a case in point.

Now he is taking up the question of industrial accidents, and it is to be hoped, from the unflinching tone of his remarks to the Industrial Welfare Society and the National Safety First Association, that something to prevent this constant toll of death among the workers will be done.

He does not, of course, criticise the magnificent work being done by both these excellent organisations, but the stark fact is that too few firms have joined to make them effective. Out of 250,000 factories and workshops, only 800 firms are members.

It is clear that individual selfishness and self-interest rises above the voluntary efforts to right this terrific menace of constant accident to the workers. For the figures are appalling. The country cannot stand by indifferent while 139,963 industrial accidents, 806 fatal, take place in one year. *It is scandalous that three persons are killed every working day and at least forty-five injured. It is against common-sense that instead of spending money in preventing this rain of suffering and death, it is preferred to spend about* £2,500,000 *a year in compensation.*

Putting the matter on the lowest basis, money spent in keeping people alive and whole is a better investment than money paid over to their bereaved dependents, large numbers of whom inevitably land eventually on the rates.

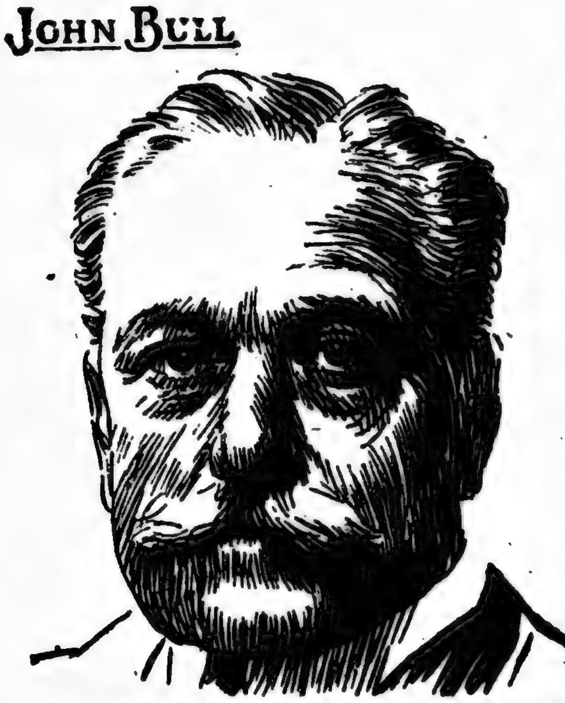
To suggest, as has been suggested, that any official steps would bring to an end, or even hinder, the co-operation of management, staff and operatives to secure their own welfare, health and happiness is ridiculous. It is not only possible, but absolutely imperative, that voluntary effort and official action work side by side.

It is not right that work should be accomplished only under the constantly hovering shadow of accident and death. It is a hindrance to output, it is demoralising, and it is cruel. Even if employers are alive only to their own interests they will co-operate with the Home Office in bringing this disgrace to an end.

Haig—God rest you, Sir!

by A. G. GARDINER

THE greatest general of modern times is dead. No man ever did more for his country, and his country will wish to honour his memory. And the best memorial he would desire is that his broken comrades shall not be let down



The late Field-Marshal Earl Haig, K.T., G.C.B.

IT would be ungracious if the passing of Earl Haig did not evoke a tribute to that fine soldier and great gentleman in the name of the readers of this paper.

For at a severe crisis in the history of JOHN BULL, when it had passed into new hands and become inspired with a new policy, it was Lord Haig who made it the medium of the consuming motive to which all the rest of his life was dedicated—a motive that he bequeaths to this country as the only instrument through which he desired his memory to be honoured.

Before speaking of that motive, I may be permitted to say a few words about the man himself. I knew him well, and during the war I had many opportunities of seeing him at close quarters. I met him first on the eve of the battle of Loos, when I went to lunch with him at his advanced quarters near Bethune.

Sterling qualities

He was surrounded at table by Rawlinson, Gough and members of his staff, and I was struck then, as always, by the quiet sanity and good-humoured seriousness with which he pervaded the atmosphere.

For those who judged him superficially, it was easy to under-rate him. He was so cool and unaffected, his language was so free from violence, and his bearing from swagger, that he carried with him the air of the consulting-room rather than the camp. He was never cold or austere, but warm, kindly, even generous.

His mind was entirely dispassionate, and he was equally serene whether things were going well or ill. No matter how desperate the outlook, there was no reflection of it in his manner, and, on the other hand, the hours of triumph found him as unassuming as if nothing had happened.

I saw him in the dark days of Paschendale, and I saw him when he returned from the most complete and tremendous victory in history, and in both circumstances he was the same equable and courteous gentleman, full of praise for others, entirely forgetful of himself.

Tremendous task

Not a breath of intrigue ever sullied his name. He knew the intrigues that enveloped him. He knew through months, almost years, that he was marked down for slaughter, that he carried his professional life in his hand, and that at the first favourable opportunity he would fall.

But he gave no hint that he knew he was in peril. He neither struck back, nor engaged in counter-conspiracies of his own. He formed no Press-gang to sing his praises and make a popular hero of him. He just stuck grimly to his job, obedient to that stern idea of duty from which he never wavered and which he never betrayed.

It is customary to say that he was not a great general. If you think of generals in the terms of the Napoleons and Marlboroughs, he was not a great general. But who was? What reputation of that kind emerged from the greatest war in history? Not one.

And the reason is simple. The Napoleons and Wellingtons won their victories in an afternoon, on battlefields not bigger than Hampstead Heath. But the battle-front for which Haig was responsible extended across Belgium and half France, and his battles lasted for days and weeks, and even months.

But if we judge men by results, I do not see how history can deny the quality of greatness to Haig. He was the only general in any army who went through the greatest war in history from the first day to the last without being degraded.

What a responsibility!

And there is one supreme fact on which I will stake his title to greatness. It was he, and he alone, who ended the war in 1918. He believed that the breaking-point of resistance had been reached, and he risked everything on the throw. The Government was against him; Foch was against him. They were satisfied that the end could not come till the next year, when the Americans would be in full strength.

Haig went into that vast adventure with the rope round his neck. In his pocket was a letter from the Government intimating that he must take the responsibility alone. He took it, he ended the war, and in doing so saved untold lives and a year of unspeakable misery.

That was the man. Let me turn to the motive for which he lived and in pursuit of which this paper was honoured to be his medium. In all the miserable tales of recriminations that followed the war, he took no part.

He conceived that he had one duty left. It was to be the friend and helper of those thousands and tens of thousands of nameless comrades who had been through the furnace with him and had come out, some shattered for ever, some mutilated, all left to pick up the threads of their life which had been broken in the great struggle.

The best tribute

In that task, he never grew weary. He gave his nights and his days to it, and he delayed accepting his own recognition for his services until he had certain assurances that those who had suffered were not being forgotten. It was a privilege to this journal to be able to help him in that great work.

If there is a word of criticism to be said, it is not that he himself could have done more. He could not, for he gave his whole life ungrudgingly to the cause, and to his personal example and influence was due most of that work of alleviation that has been done.

But he relied too much on the honesty of Governments. He could not conceive that they could fail in their duty to those to whom they owed everything. When he found that he was wrong, he did not bring all the authority of his name into the field against them. Instead, he redoubled his own personal labours to see that justice was done through voluntary effort.

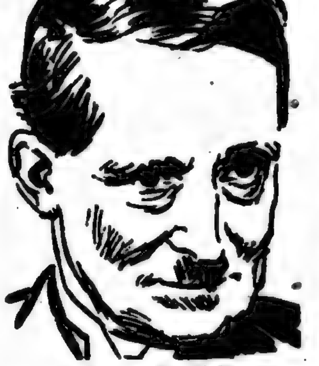
I have no doubt that strain was one of the contributory causes of his sudden and lamented death. The best tribute to his memory is to carry on his work. The urgency of that work, the scandal of its neglect, is still notorious.

The case dealt with elsewhere in this issue is a shameful illustration of the fact. Not until every ex-Service man has had justice done to him will the debt we owe to the dead leader and his living and dead comrades be paid.

Why Murder

The death penalty is brutal and vengeful. It stands doubly condemned when illogical exceptions have also to be made

IN 1926 sixteen men and one woman were hanged in England for murder. This year the total looks like being much higher, since before the first month was out five men paid the last penalty and another would have done so had he not gone mad.



Mr. A. F. Holt

The last fact is in itself a criticism of the death penalty. It is right, it is just, to hang a presumably sane murderer—although it is a question whether any murderer is sane at the time the crime is committed—but it is unwise and unjust to hang a man who is deemed to be sane and guilty at his trial, but who goes mad in the shadow of the gallows.

It is wrong to hang a man who has lost that which distinguishes him from the beast, but it is right to hang a man who has a mind to be developed, hands to be trained and a soul to be saved.

The life of a guilty madman is sacred. The life of a sane and guilty man is not sacred.

Why the distinction? Does it arise from that idea of revenge which lies behind the death penalty, that idea of a life for a life which is its only justification, if justification it has?

Is the mad murderer sent to Broadmoor instead of the gallows because, being mad, he would not appreciate the full significance of the trapdoor and the rope, and would therefore escape the worst part of the punishment the sane condemned man must bear?

Does he go to the madhouse because that is regarded by society as a worse punishment than the scaffold and therefore the fullest revenge that society can take?

IN any case, however you look at it, is not the fact that a sane murderer escapes the penalty of the crime if he goes mad before the rope is round his neck in itself a condemnation of the death penalty and can only be logically justified on the theory of revenge?

It is revenge on the murderer that most people desire who support the retention of the death penalty, although many of them do not admit it and some of them do not know it. They use the argument that the gallows is a deterrent without

An Inhuman Crime

by E. ROFFE THOMPSON

HOW much more evidence of fraud, deliberate and designed, does the Public Prosecutor want before he will take action against the great insurance companies? Here is a case of callous and calculated brutality, which well-nigh defies comment

ONE of the most comforting fallacies with which we persist in deluding ourselves is that we are living in a civilised society. At any rate, I am forced very often to doubt whether in connection with modern society the word civilised has any real meaning.

It is true that we live in an organised society. We live, in fact, in a society that is organised to a very high degree. But organisation does not necessarily mean civilisation.

True civilisation would prevent the daylight robbery that goes on, not merely of individual by individual, but of countless thousands by huge organisations that are rich enough and powerful enough to do what they will,

Yet we see disgusting practices going on on every hand. How many thousands of babies are murdered every year by those who do not scruple to adulterate the food on which these babies are supposed to live?

How many adults are poisoned each year by the foul stuff which in the shape of food and drink they are compelled to put into their stomachs because they cannot afford to buy the only safe form of food and drink—the best?

How many families are driven to poverty and despair because great companies set out to deceive and defraud them of their hard-earned money under the guise of safeguarding their future?

The foulest murder

"The world of graft! The world of betrayal!" This is what Jack London once called it. "The world of somnambulism whose exalted and sensitive citizens are outraged by the knock-outs of the prize-ring, and who annually not merely knock out, but kill thousands of babies and children by means of child labour and adulterated food. Far better to have the front of one's face pushed in by the fist of an honest prize-fighter than to have the lining of one's stomach corroded by the embalmed beef of the dishonest manufacturer."

They are strong words, but they are not a whit too strong. These thoughts have been forced upon me by a story that I consider to be one of the most callous, brutal and inhuman that I have ever heard, a story for which I can find no shred of excuse, a deed for which I can conceive no punishment too severe.

Some years ago Mr. Frank Woodyatt, of Birmingham, insured his life for £100. Later two representatives of the company called upon him and induced him to take out another policy in exchange for the original one, this time for £500, at a quarterly premium of £8 5s. 1d.

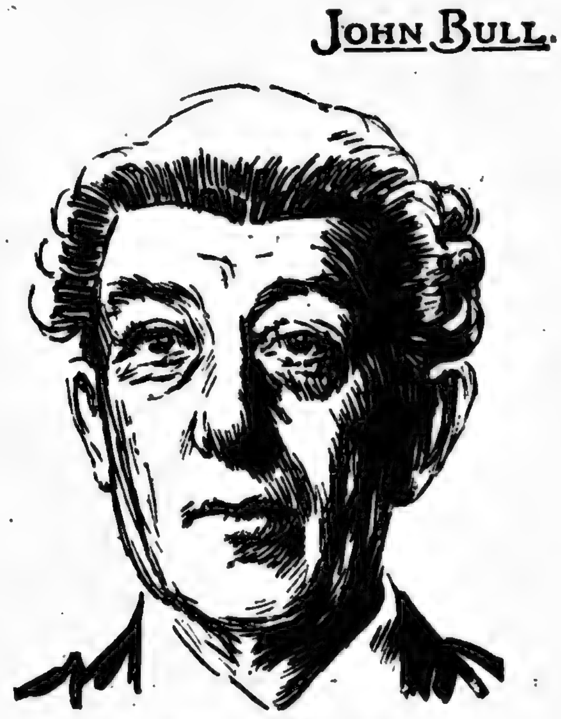
A woman's agony

Mr. Woodyatt signed a proposal form for this amount and later was medically examined by the company's doctor.

A short time after this a highly placed representative of the company called at Mr. Woodyatt's home and saw his wife in his absence. This gentleman informed Mrs. Woodyatt that her husband could only be accepted as a second-class life, and arranged with her to increase the proposed policy from £500 to £1,000.

He told the alarmed woman that her husband was suffering from high blood pressure and that he might drop dead at any moment. In view of this, she naturally wanted to do the best she could for herself and her seven children, and at enormous sacrifice she agreed to double the policy and to pay a quarterly premium of £16 10s. 1d.

Then began for this woman months of anguish. She told her husband nothing about this new proposal, and he signed no documents relating to the increased assurance.



Sir Archibald Bodkin, K.C.B., Public Prosecutor

His wife dared not tell him for fear the shock would kill him. Each day and every day she went in mental agony expecting at any time to hear that her husband was dead.

After she had paid four quarterly premiums she found it quite impossible to continue the payment, for she had exhausted all her resources and even begun to sell her home bit by bit to find the necessary money.

The policy automatically lapsed and the anxiety of her position caused serious illness. Her husband insisted on knowing the cause of her distress and she told him at last of all that had transpired.

As a result he immediately paid a visit to an independent doctor, who informed him that he was not suffering from high blood pressure at all and that he was a perfectly healthy man.

Inhuman brutality

Is anything that Jack London said too strong in the light of a case such as this? For here is an enormously wealthy company that has collected £66 0s. 4d. by the sheer exploitation of a woman's fear regarding her husband's health.

Quite apart from the inhuman brutality of the whole transaction, the policy was not worth the paper on which it was written, since nothing could make it valid except the signature of the husband, who was kept in ignorance of the transaction.

We have a Public Prosecutor in this country whose duties, I take it, are to step in and see that justice is done when the interest of the State demands that he shall.

I challenge Sir Archibald Bodkin to let his Department investigate the history of this case and then say that it is a case in which he can do nothing. I challenge him to deny that this poor woman's cry for justice is every bit as urgent and every bit as menacing as the cry that goes up from the whole of society when one of its citizens has taken human life.

Will he remain silent?

It is not only that this deceived and deluded woman should have returned to her the money that was stolen from her. JOHN BULL can do that and will do it. What concerns me is that the man who, knowingly and wilfully, perpetrated such a callous deed as this should be allowed to escape any of the consequences of his foul action.

If there ever was a case for the Public Prosecutor this is the case, for it is time and more than time that authority took severe cognisance of the shameless manner in which some of these gentlemen are misusing their positions to the detriment of the social well-being.

It is time that someone read them a drastic lesson and no one can read it more effectively than the Public Prosecutor.

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rs Get Away

by ARNOLD FREEMAN HOLT

examining it. They assume that murders would increase if the death penalty were abolished without any evidence to support the assumption.

They are ignorant of the fact that there is no evidence in history to prove that fear of the gallows kept anyone from committing murder who wished to commit it.

THERE is, however, evidence on the other side. There are countries which have abolished the dread penalty, and the results have not followed which pessimists assert would follow its abolition here.

Are the English, then, more inclined to murder than the people of other lands?

Anyone whose work has brought him into close touch with the assize courts and the police knows that the existence of the death penalty has often resulted in murderers going free, to the danger of the community, who otherwise might now be confined with their like.

I could give several instances of that out of my own experience. One is enough. The evidence given in a murder trial I was attending seemed overwhelmingly against the prisoner. The judge seemed to be of the same opinion. I was standing with the C.I.D. man in charge of the case when the jury brought in a verdict of "Not guilty."

The inspector was very indignant at the setting free of such a man. "If," he commented bitterly, "a verdict of guilty had not meant the rope that flabby crew of a jury would have returned a verdict according to the evidence."

One other point. A surprisingly large proportion of our murderers are never even arrested. The police are blamed, whereas it is the death penalty which is to blame. Few murders are committed without some person or persons knowing who the murderer is. They hold their tongues only because they don't wish to put the rope round anyone's neck.

I SHOULD like to see a return of the number of murders committed during the last twenty years, and the number of murderers found guilty during that period. I imagine that the actual figures would both surprise and shock the average citizen.

And, after all, it is rather disquieting to think that quite possibly we have a drink or a meal, or a smoke, or a talk with a man or woman who has committed murder. There are a number of them about. They must meet someone. Having murdered one, they may murder another.

Abolish the death penalty, and life would be safer.

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TO THE SCAFFOLD FOR INSANITY!

A Strange Message

AFTER the execution of Sydney Goulter, the Richmond Park murderer, Sir Bernard Spilsbury, the eminent pathologist, attended at Wandsworth Prison to make a microscopic examination of the dead man's brain. The same thing happened when Patrick Mahon was hanged.

Such scientific caution is most praiseworthy. When a man has been hanged it is well to be certain that he deserved it. It means so much to the nation's peace of mind.

It may be objected that the investigation comes too late to assist the cause of justice, that if an insane person has been put to death the blunder is beyond repair. But to emphasise this obvious truth is not to say that Sir Bernard has been uselessly employed.

Victims of injustice

If the new practice betokens that the Home Office authorities are at last alive to the close connection which exists between crime and insanity, that they are anxious to collect data on the subject and to form a working alliance with science in the interests of humanity, it marks a vital new departure in our criminal jurisprudence.

It is an excellent thing that the law should condescend to take a look at the dead murderer's brain.

It would be a still better thing if adequate machinery existed for testing the mentality of living criminals, for distinguishing between the man or woman who does wrong of his or her own evil volition and the demented creature who is the helpless victim of impulses beyond his control, and for treating each accordingly, instead of punishing them all alike.

True, we can make no reparation to the hanged murderer, in whose brain the microscope detects a secret lesion.

But are there no living inmates of our prisons who, if justice is anything better than blind vengeance, should be nursed back to health and sanity in mental hospitals, instead of being tortured in the convict cell?

To such a question there can be only one answer, a damning affirmative. Without a doubt, the prisons of Great Britain are swarming with people who on no principle of civilised justice ought to be wearing the felon's badge.

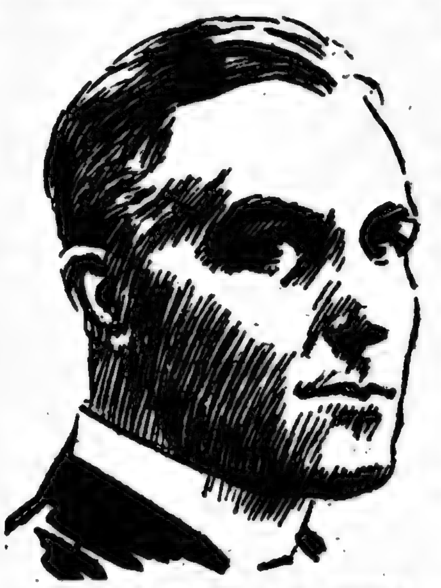
Aggravating disease

Not moral depravity, but mental infirmity, has brought them to their pitiful pass. The only effect of criminal punishment on these unfortunates must be to aggravate the mental disorder which provoked them to crime.

It is the fashion in some quarters to dismiss this contention as mere idle sentimentality. Therefore, we propose to marshal the facts which speak for themselves.

At the Central Criminal Court, a few weeks ago, Susan Eliza Turner, a poor old charwoman, was charged with the manslaughter of her forty-year-old daughter, by neglecting her during illness.

While on remand Turner had been under the observation of Dr. J. M. Morton, governor and medical officer of Holloway Prison, who stated in court that she had the mentality of a child of six.



Sir Bernard Spilsbury, the eminent pathologist

She could not read or write, and she did not know the date of the year. She knew there were twelve pennies in a shilling, but she did not know half-a-crown, or how many shillings went to the pound.

She had to count her fingers before she could say how many were on her hand!

Judge's helplessness

Nevertheless, the evidence against her was allowed to go to the jury. The issue of insanity was not presented to it in any practical shape.

It returned a verdict of guilty, and Mr. Justice Talbot passed sentence of ten years' penal servitude.

Was this an isolated case? Again, read the facts and judge.

Not many months ago Dr. H. A. Grierson and Dr. C. H. L. Rixon, of Brixton Prison, communicated to a medical journal, the *Lancet*, the results of certain mental tests carried out upon prisoners in their charge.

Applying scientific tests, the doctors found that the average mental age of 200 prisoners was fourteen years.

This feebleness of mind is most apparent in the cases of persons charged with certain crimes of violence and with sexual offences. In sentencing a prisoner of this type to six months' hard labour, Judge Atherley-Jones, K.C., at the Old Bailey last year, said:

"It is amazing, in view of the authoritative evidence given as to the mental incapacity of many men, like yourself, who commit crimes, that no provision whatever has been made for dealing with them . . .

"I have no power to send you where you ought to be sent—to some industrial home where you could be kept under restraint, and where at the same time efforts could be made to make you a good citizen. I can do nothing but send you to prison. Probably you will come back here again, but I hope not."

Pitiful history

There was a still more painful case at the London Sessions last December, when Henry Manning, a thirty-year-old ex-Service man, was convicted of stealing two bundles of second-hand clothes belonging to the Southern Railway.

The poor fellow's history was pitiful. Joining the Army in 1911, by pretending to be seventeen when he was only fourteen, he had served in the war, and been badly wounded.

The result was a permanent injury to the brain, causing him to behave abnormally from time to time. As so often happens in these cases, Manning developed a mania for senseless and casual acts of theft.

Four times in rapid succession he was sent to prison, and each time his injured brain reacted disastrously to the ordeal, as was proved by the increase of his disability pension from 70 to 80 per cent.

Eighty per cent. disability on account of brain injury, and in December last charged again at the London Sessions before Mr. H. W. W. Wilberforce with stealing old clothes!

Once again Manning's medical history was produced to the court. He was a married man with one child, and apart from these occasional outbursts, he worked quietly for his father, a corn-merchant at Orpington.

An ex-Army surgeon, Dr. T. S. Keenan, stated that there was clear evidence of mental disorder arising from physical injury to the brain.

Tragic risk

Actually the prisoner had been remanded from the previous sessions, to enable the doctors to determine whether an operation upon the brain would make him a law-abiding citizen, but it had been decided that the operation was not practicable.

Asked what would be the effect if Manning were again sent to prison, Dr. Keenan replied: "It would have a detrimental effect in his case, as it has done in others; it might lead to a tragic end."

But Mr. Wilberforce decided to risk it. The law left him no option, he declared. Nine months' jail!

How much longer are these cruelties to be perpetrated in the name of justice?

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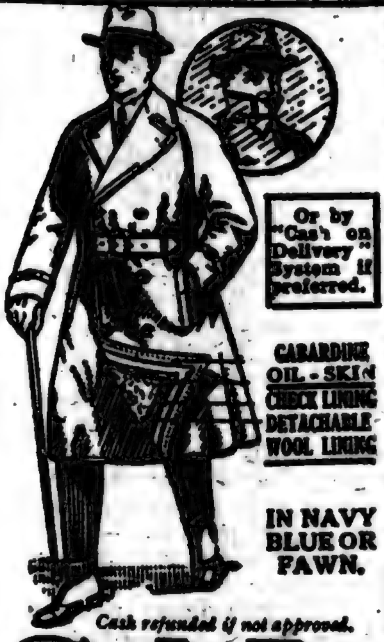

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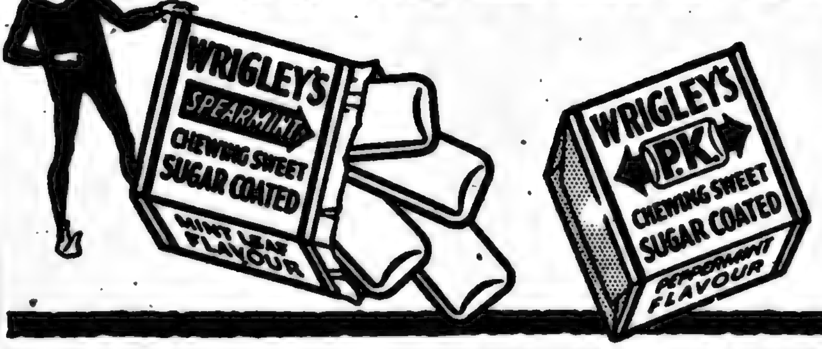

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The Worst Clubs of All

THERE is no man more debased than he who lives on the immoral earnings of a woman. It is asserted that at least 90 per cent. of the sorrowful sisterhood of the West End of London contribute partly or wholly to the maintenance of men of this type.

This statement has been made to us by a man who, by reason of his intimate knowledge of the underworld, speaks with authority.

This subject is bound up with the questions which are occupying the attention of the Home Office Committee on Street Offences; but because these men themselves are not guilty of street offences, it is probable that their activities in relation to women who do "walk the streets" have not and will not come under consideration.

Astonishing facts

Our object in bringing this matter to public attention is to press upon the Government the importance of enlarging the scope of the committee's enquiry.

Its findings and recommendations will be of little value unless the depths of this crying evil are probed.

In the report of Sir William Horwood, Commissioner of Police for the Metropolis, for 1926, no reference is made to this offence, although over three pages are devoted to statistics with regard to drunkenness.

When Sir William Horwood gave evidence before the Home Office Committee, he stated that in 1926 there were 2,500 arrests for a certain class of offence, and that for the first ten months of last year there were 2,700, but he made no reference whatever to the men who exploit these girls.

The results of our own investigations of this matter reveal some astonishing facts.

Men kept by prostitutes are of various types. Some work for additional wages to those they receive from their women. Many do no work of any kind.

Others are crooks, but they are regarded by their fellow-criminals with abhorrence.

Once a man has fallen so low as to allow a girl to sell her body to keep him, he often finds himself at the mercy of the unscrupulous, who blackmail him.

Unpardonable offence

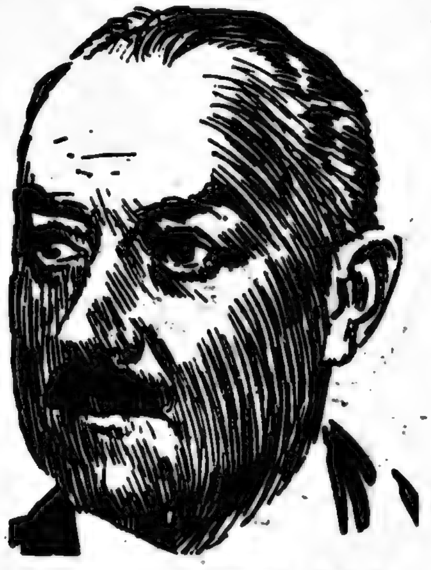
Added to this, he is held rigidly by the girl to their illicit union. He may bully or ill-treat her, or take every penny she earns, and she will bear her lot.

But if he deserts her for another girl, she will never rest till she has had her revenge. This usually takes the form of giving him away to the police.

Suppression is no remedy for this evil. If a thousand of these men were locked up to-morrow, there would be another thousand in their place the day after.

The reason for this is that, in answer to some deeply seated instinct, the girl who sells her body to other men wants one man on whom she may lavish the affection and with whom she may satisfy the desires and domestic instincts which Nature has given to every woman.

Another reason for the increase in the number of the "kept men" parasites is the attempt to provide a cloak of respectability for the profession of prostitution.



Sir William Horwood, K.C.B., Commissioner of Police

Nets for "mugs"

Sir William Horwood told the Home Office Committee that he thought solicitation should be made a criminal offence. If prostitutes were driven off the streets, he said, the question where they went was not his business. He presumed they would go to their own homes.

We are now going to show that the question of where these woman go when they are driven from the streets is very much the business of the police.

On December 31, 1926, there were 1,750 registered clubs in London, an increase of sixty-five over the previous year, an average of over one new club a week. The increase during the past year has been at a much greater rate.

Investigations into the conduct of some of these clubs reveal that they are nothing more nor less than nets for "mugs."

The man with an inclination towards dissipation and the means to gratify it is introduced to a night club. He thinks it fine to be able to obtain drinks after hours and to have a girl sitting on his knee and drinking out of the same glass with him.

The old proverb about a fool and his money is exemplified nightly in the clubs.

The attitude of the girls themselves may be best illustrated by recording a conversation overheard between two of them recently in a certain café in Soho.

The girl was talking to a man who, with the brutish jocularity of his type, was chaffing her.

"I swear on my liberty," she was saying to him, "that what I've told you is true."

"How long have you been at liberty?" he asked.

"It's two years since I was pinched," she replied. "Laura, how long ago is it since I was done in?" she called to a girl on the other side of the room.

Safer place

"It was a month after me," answered Laura, "and that will be two years next April."

"There you are! What did I tell you?" exclaimed the first girl to her companion. "They won't catch me on the streets. *The club game's the best. I never go anywhere else.*"

In these clubs, the laws supposed to govern their conduct are disregarded. The main business in intoxicants is done between the hours of 11 p.m. and 4 a.m. Prices charged for beers, wines and spirits are often greatly in excess of the standard retail prices, but not in all of them.

In those where prices of drink are normal, profits are made out of traffic in cocaine and other drugs.

In marked contrast to the public-house, the club proprietor is more often than not a man of ill-repute. Several have served terms of imprisonment for various offences.

If the object of Sir William Joynson-Hicks in setting up his committee is merely to make the streets of London "decent," as Sir William Horwood desires, then we are going to be guilty of greater hypocrisy than that which marked the great age of mock morality, the Victorian era.

Poverty and low wages are swelling the ranks of what the Police Commissioners call the "amateur class." Restriction of public licensing hours is responsible largely for the growth of undesirable "clubs."

Underworld dens

Increased powers to prosecute and punish girls who have been led into a life of crime and immorality by men, while the men go scot-free, would be a dastardly recommendation for this committee to make.

The West End of London is honeycombed with "cases"—the underworld name for the "hotels," flats, and rooms to which girls take men for immoral purposes—where from 8s. to half-a-guinea is charged for a single hour's accommodation.

Some of these places have as many as three hundred "lettings" daily. Why is there no legislation to abolish them? Who levies blackmail on the proprietor as the price of silence concerning them?

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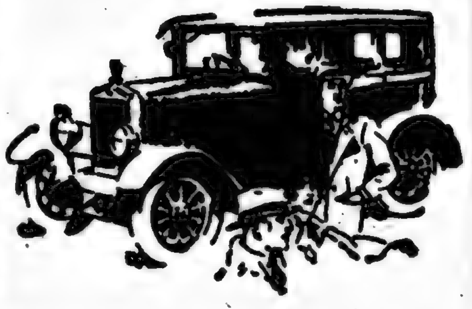

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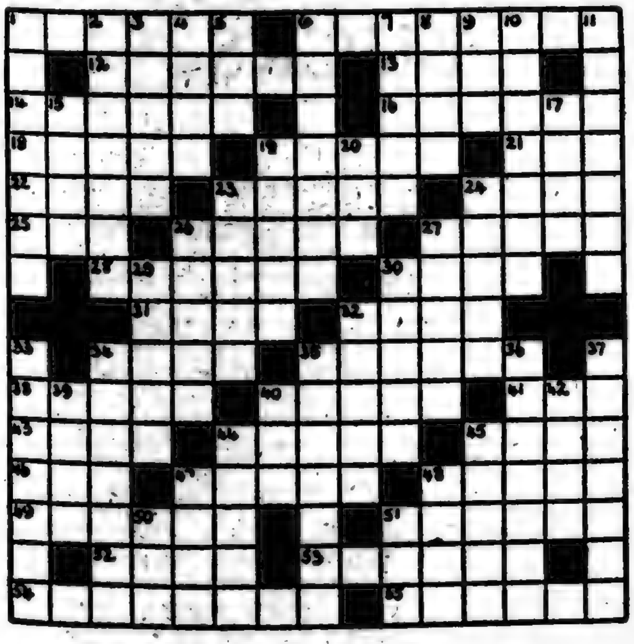

Clues: ACROSS

1. Medical adviser.
6. Wright's Coal Tar Soap makes complexion like this.
12. Gnawing animal.
13. Cry.
14. Manifested.
16. Tempt.
18. Evergreen trees.
19. Brisk.
21 Bread and milk.
22. Ill.
23. Indoor game.
24. Wright's is right.
25. Shelter.
26. Blessings.
27. Large spoon.
28. Scrubs clean.
30. Broad.
31. Uncommon.
32. Wise men of the East.
34. Removed by Wright's Coal Tar Shampoo Powder
35. Produced by Wright's Coal Tar Shampoo Powder
38. Lift.
40. Article of faith.
41. Open.
43. Part of church.
44. Large washing basin.
45. Smallest buys a Wright's Coal Tar Shampoo Powder
46. Insane.
47. Dried ready for wear.
48. Boxed.
49. Not seen on bobbed heads
51. Given to hair by Wright's Coal Tar Shampoo.
52. Image.
53. Card game.
54. Well-kept hair is this to a woman.
55. Writers.

DOWN

1. Drives away.
2. Intimate companions.
3. Used after washing with Wright's Coal Tar Soap
4. Songs of praise.
5. Colour.
6. Parts of a flower.
7. Debtors.
8. Portable dwelling.
9. Allow.
10. Incident.
11. Trod.
15. Bees' home.
17. The best soap.
19. Beach.
20) Animal.
23. Woo.
24. Girl's name.
26. Brag.
27. Kindle.
29. Small bottle.
30. Necessary with Wright's Coal Tar Soap.
32. Provided with abundant neck hair.
33. Hair toilet.
34. Scorn.
35. Young hare.
36. Cock-a-doodle-doo.
37. Repairers.
39. Gem.
40. See 17 down.
42. Landing stage.
44. Kind of thread.
45. Hindoo rank.
47. Tiny particle.
48. Natural hair ornament.
50. Girl's name.
51. Resinous substance.

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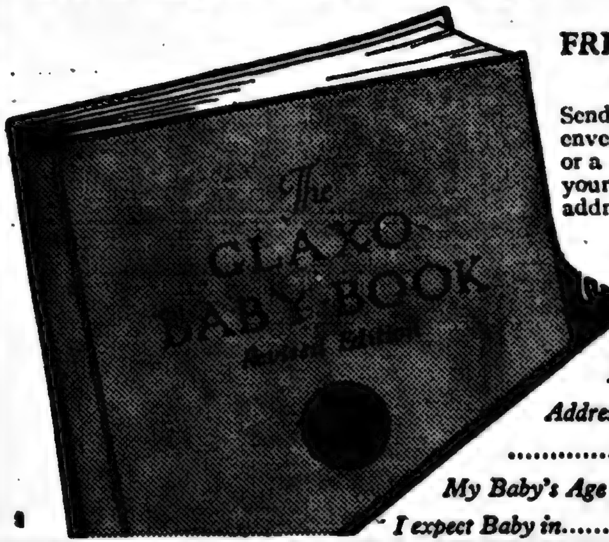

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Solution to the Cross-word Puzzle in our last issue.

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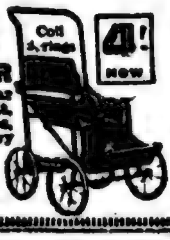

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by PHILIP INMAN

MONEY is not everything. It cannot purchase life; it cannot buy the sunshine without which life is not worth living. There are some rich folk—fortunately, the minority—hard hearted and unmindful of their duty to their less-favoured fellowmen, who would do well to remember this.

THE TINSEL HALF-MILLION

WHAT a very small world it is, to be sure. Twelve months ago, when we badly wanted a big sum to enlarge the hospital, a friend said to me: "Get hold of Mr. Henry D. and tell him I sent you. Years ago I helped him out of a tight corner, and he said that one day he would repay me. He's a wealthy man now and could easily foot the whole bill for you."

I did not need to be told twice. A day or two later I "got hold" of this man and gave him my friend's message. A scowl came on to his face.

"Help your hospital," he murmured, and, shaking his head, he commenced to make excuses—bad trade, hard times, the extortions of the tax-gatherer. And his wife, who was with him, backed him up in all that he said.

I recalled that my friend had called him a wealthy man, and I came away with a nasty taste in my mouth.

Three months later, Mr. Henry D. died, and the report of his will was announced in the newspapers. He left over half a million, and his wife came in for it all.

And that day I relegated this man and his affairs into the lumber-room of unpleasant memories. But Fate had in store a strange awakening.

Mother's distress

One day the ambulance pulled up at the hospital door, and a young fellow was carried into the accident ward. The report stated that on a greasy road his car had collided with a motor-lorry on the Embankment, and it took nearly half an hour for the victim's body to be extricated from the wreckage.

Superficial examination revealed that his injuries were serious. He was suffering from concussion, one of his legs was broken and his body was badly crushed. The number on his motor-plate furnished the only clue to his identity, and a message was at once sent to his home telling of the accident.

Before the messenger returned the patient's mother had arrived—and in a magnificent Rolls-Royce car. The young fellow remained unconscious for over two hours, and during that time his mother stayed by his bedside. Then, as a further examination was to be made, she was advised to wait in an adjoining room.

It was then that I first saw her. For a time she sat staring right in front of her as though she could scarcely grasp what had happened. Then suddenly from the depths of her soul rang out this cry, "Geoff, my boy, my poor boy. Please God, give him back to me."

Taunting recognition

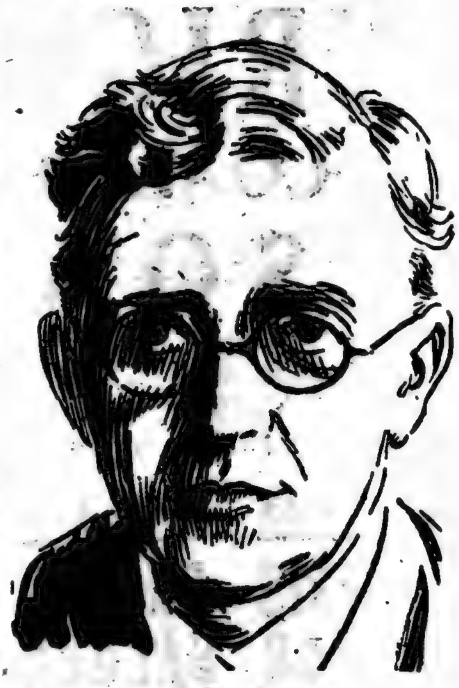
A nurse who was standing by tried to reassure her, but this mother shook her head in despair. "If he dies," she moaned, "I shall lose the only thing in life that means anything to me."

And that woman of society, who boasted of a house in Mayfair, a bungalow on the river, and an estate in Scotland, realised that all her possessions were as tinsel when the life of a loved one was at stake.

For a few minutes she remained in an attitude of acute distress, and then quite suddenly she looked across at me, and a strange expression came into her eyes. "Surely, we've met before?" she said. "Yes," I answered quietly. "You came to see my husband, did you not?" she asked.

And then, as remembrance dawned upon her, a look akin to shame shadowed her face. For that woman was Mrs. Henry D., and her only son was receiving the care of the hospital she and her husband had refused to help.

For three days this young fellow lingered in the shadows, and more than once during that time his life was despaired of. For three days his mother remained close at hand, refusing to leave the building, and only leaving the patient's bedside for a few minutes now and then to snatch a little food.


Philip Inman

The agony she underwent during those days was terrible to behold. But then, like a burst of sunshine on a foggy day, full consciousness returned to the patient, and the storm was successfully weathered.

Next day, strong enough to be re-removed, he was transferred into a nursing-home. A month has passed since he went away, and the mother has kept me informed almost daily of his condition.

A letter I have just received tells me that he is almost well again, and she adds, "His wonderful recovery has been due in no small measure to the skilful treatment he received during his stay in your hospital."

I believe when Mrs. Henry D. is again asked to help the hospital, that this time she will not turn me empty away.

The Sentence of the Court

A BLOW FOR BUCKS

Peevishness of a Peer

PROTESTING that the trial of a lord by a "common" jury constituted a breach of privilege, Lord Dalmeny refused to plead in answer to a charge of intimidating behaviour.

"One of his lordship's chief claims to fame is that he is a son of the Earl of Rosebery," said Mr. Watchdog, K.C., "while his chief claim to personal distinction lies in the fact that he is Master of the Whaddon Hunt, the eminence of which institution may be judged from the frequency with which its members share the pages of illustrated weeklies with the stars of the high-kick and greasepaint industry.

"The Whaddon carries on its operations in Buckinghamshire, which would be an ideal hunting county were it not that certain members of the lower orders have managed to acquire land there for base agricultural purposes.

"As foxes are as welcome in the vicinity of farmyards as would be the members of the jury or myself at one of his lordship's select dinners, certain disrespectful rustics have presumed to wire their land, and one is even suspected of having taken it upon himself to shoot a fox!

"It is this last outrage that has caused the blue blood of the accused to become heated to boiling-point, and moved him to write to the Winslow branch of the National Farmers' Union, at whose annual dinner he had graciously agreed to preside, asking whether the fox-shooting miscreant was one of its members.

"Upon receiving an affirmative reply, his lordship begged to be excused from sitting at meat with a person so utterly unaware of the respect and duties owing to his betters."

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Mr. Strawsplitter said that this was not a question of intimidation, but of discrimination. Lord Dalmeny was entitled to choose what company he would keep, and, not unnaturally, he did not care to associate with a fellow who selfishly considered the safety of his own live-stock to be of more importance than the amusement of the gentry.

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"I cannot claim to be an authority on the peculiar etiquette of fox-hunting," said Mr. Justice Bull. "But I gather that whereas the average farmer regards the fox as a pest which must be kept down by all possible means, the average hunter looks upon it as a noble animal which is entitled to the inestimable distinction of meeting his death at aristocratic hands.

"Whether the fox values this privilege very highly, I am unable to say; but it is plain that the prisoner holds the view that the murder of foxes by plebeians is a dangerous form of Bolshevism.

"What he fails to realise, however, is that mounted 'Reds,' tearing across the landscape and damaging fences and hedges, seem a much more real menace to many farmers than bearded conspirators in far-away Moscow.

"His lordship is, of course, entitled to say with whom he will share the 'cat' and burden of the day, but in this case he has, in effect, sought to exercise a power of censorship over the membership of a farmers' union.

"As his lordship has such a prejudice against guns in a hunting district, he must not be surprised if other people are equally prejudiced against 'big guns,' especially when they are liable to explode from trivial cause.

"I think, therefore, it will be best for all concerned if I sentence the prisoner to six months' compulsory detention on the Riviera, where a lord's a lord for a' that!"

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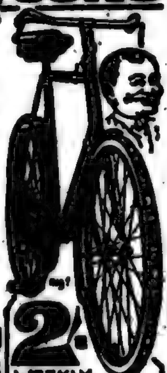

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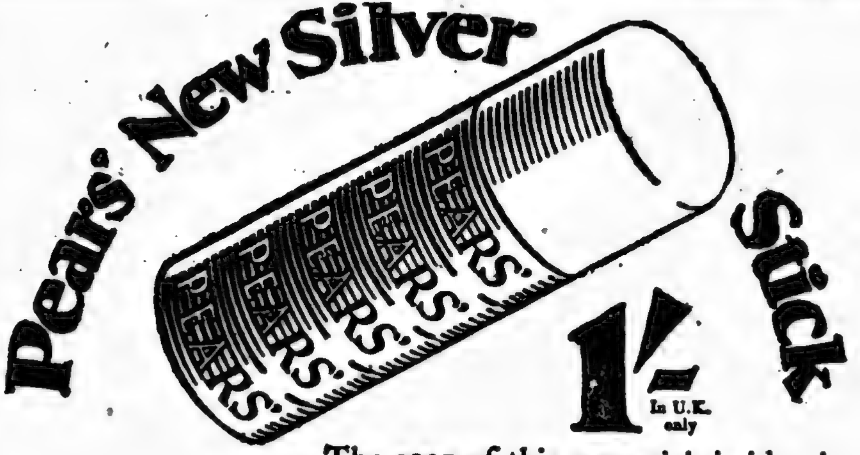

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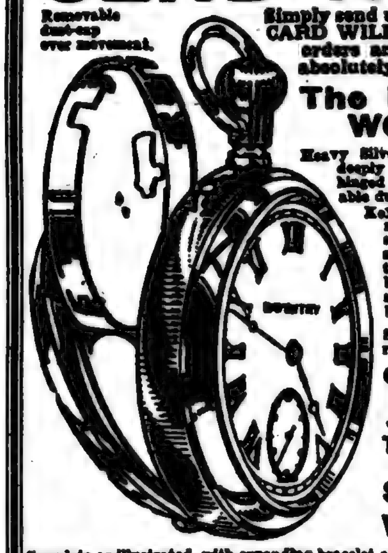

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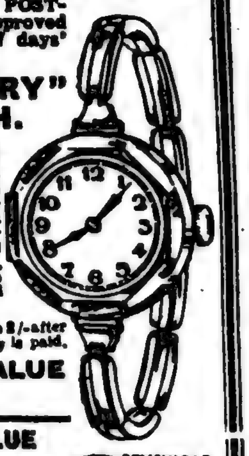

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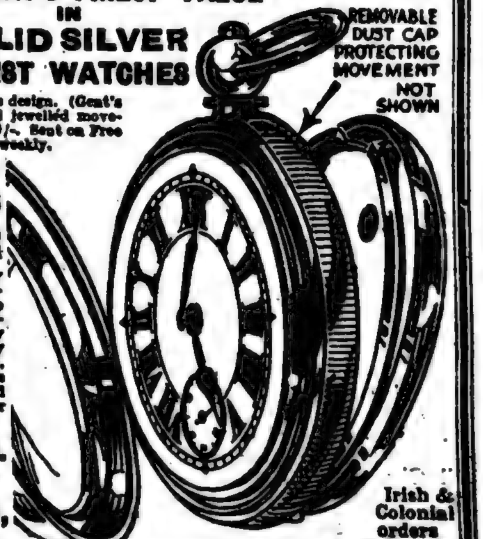
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Words Winged to Women

THE LADY AND THE LATHE

by MABEL HORNER

"IF one member of the body suffer all the members suffer with it" is a truth that cannot be dismissed as written only for the early Christian Church. It applies with great force to the world of labour and the whole social fabric of modern life

IN a certain popular Year Book running to 257 pages there are two and a half, with two pages of pretty pictures, devoted to "Women's Interests." I turned these up hopefully. They dealt with hat, bags, beads and bangles and showed a few superlatively beautiful coats and frocks, and ended on a note of sport. I closed them with a laugh.

Among the list of "Pioneer Women," however, I find this entry: "Miss V. Holmes, B.Sc., A.M.I.M.E., was the first woman to be admitted to the Institution of Mechanical Engineers," and, further, that "Miss Victoria Drummond is first woman to be a fully qualified sea-going engineer."

This leads me to the matter in hand, which is the present position of women doing engineering work in this country. There is now in this country a strong body of women engineers. For that we may be thankful. The world which dropped to pieces during the war has not yet been rebuilt, and for that women's help is needed.

It will be needed if the new world is to show better housing, better town-planning, more beautiful cities, and strong and clean and splendid highways safe for the feet of children to walk.

Disgraceful distinction

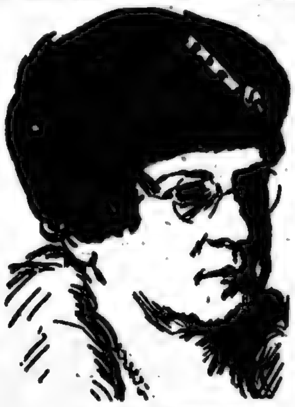
To these ends clever women are devoting time and energy and thought. They have their own organisations and work in them serenely.

But there are other women, especially in the engineering trades, who must work, not for the future as their reward, but to obtain a present mouthful of bread. With these all is not well.

During the war, when every conceivable kind of job was filled by a woman, whether suited to her physique or not, many women learned mechanics. They worked the home transport; they managed machinery; they lifted and carried and drilled.

The number of these women who stayed on in the engineering trades, and the girls who are still entering engineering trades, is startling.

I hold in my hand a bundle of documents relating to the facts. The names of well-known engineering firms are given. One employs thirty-six girls, one eighty-two girls, another 100, and a fourth 500—in fact, most engineering firms employ women and girls.


Mabel Horner

Some of these girls, interviewed, state that, while they are always "eligible" for a decrease of wages when such is decided upon, in August last when an all-round increase of 2s. was granted, they found they were "ineligible."

The same distinction between men and women engineers applies in different directions. I am given the name of a girl who worked two years for one firm and was "fired" because she married.

I have before me the weekly pay envelopes of several such girls. One bears, for the week, the huge sum of 19s. 3d. From 17s. to 28s., minus insurance and any lost time, is a usual rate. Some lost last year many working days through compulsory holidays.

A further differentiation between men and women is in regard to holidays. In some firms where "all staff" are granted a week's holiday and a share in the profits the girls receive neither. Youth is not the cause, since I hold cases of "girls" who are nearly seventy years of age and grandmothers.

Neither can it be urged that any chivalry in making conditions pleasant and agreeable or even decent for women workers is indulged as an offset to this terrible lowness of wages.

Strange attitude

The conditions of some premises where as many as 500 girls are employed are described by them as being "in an awful state." There is no canteen, no cloak-room. Lavatories are filthy. Piece-work conditions are severe.

One girl who worked hard three weeks ended in debt to the firm because her output did not come up to the firm's high standard of efficiency.

Now, bad as all this is, there is something that strikes me as infinitely worse. And that is the refusal of engineering trade unions to take up the cudgels on behalf of women in engineering. Woman has a right to be an engineer, if she wishes, but it must be on equal terms.

If girls were not available, the work would have to be done by men who ***would not be allowed*** to undertake it except at union rates. Women are employed because they are cheap.

The engineering industry can afford to pay good wages. It pays at least a living wage to men because it must. It must pay the same to women.

It is this making woman the under-dog of industry that keeps thousands from fulfilling the natural functions of home-making, and man, the natural bread-winner, despairing on the streets.

A TRAGIC FAMILY

Grave Warning to Our Readers

THAT man had seen life who first wrote, "Of all sad words of tongue or pen, The saddest are these, 'It might have been.'" The deepest sorrow of all tragedy is the knowledge that had some other course been taken, death, sickness, and loss might have been prevented. It happens, all too often, through sheer ignorance or thoughtlessness.

On the other hand, there are misfortunes and sicknesses that the victims can do nothing to prevent, although a little wise forethought can provide a good deal of help against their arrival.

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Relented neglect

It is amazing, in view of the splendid benefits offered, that there are readers who would sooner dream of doing without their Sunday dinner than foregoing their weekly copy of JOHN BULL, and yet who have never troubled to sign the coupon and become registered readers.

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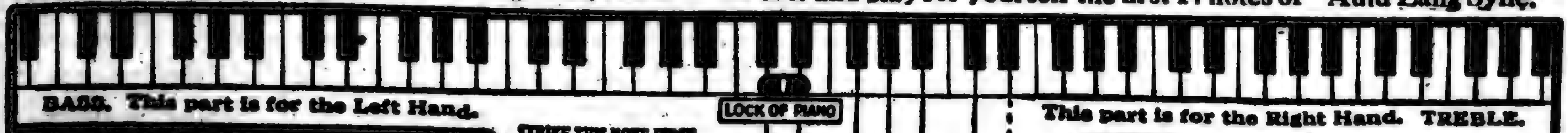
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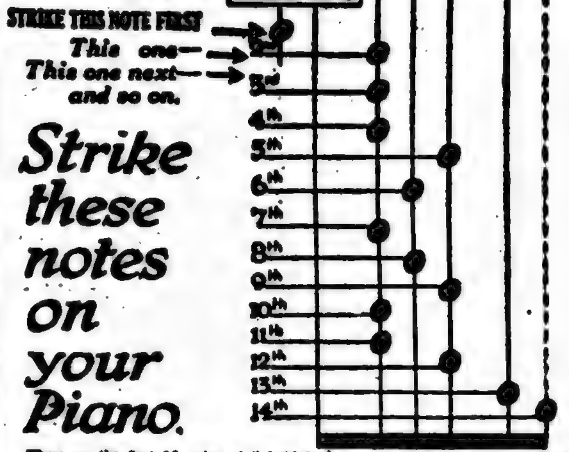

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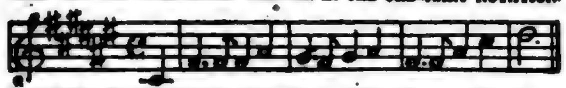

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"I AM a married woman faced with a terrible problem of how to preserve my health so that I may be spared to look after my child in the face of my husband's utter indifference.

"We had not long been married before I made the disquieting discovery that I was suffering from the early stages of tuberculosis of the lungs. Acting on medical advice, I spent six months at a sanatorium, with such good effect that I was discharged healed.

"Shortly after I returned home, owing to the premises where we lived being sold with vacant possession, we had to seek fresh accommodation.

"Now, my husband has a fair amount of money saved and he earns a comfortable living, but he is of a very mean and grasping disposition and appears to set a far higher value on wealth than on the welfare of his wife and child.

"Consequently, it took over twelve months of searching before we found a house at the low price he was willing to pay.

"WE moved into our new home in the summer and all went well for a while, but now that winter has come along, my old enemy has me in its grip again. I have lost weight through attempting work beyond my strength and worrying over my husband's indifference, and I have developed a very troublesome cough.

"I have paid a visit to the local tuberculosis officer, who tells me that the old scar has reopened. He also says that the district is one of the worst we could have chosen in which to live, and the house gets insufficient sunshine for anyone with my complaint. He recommended me to leave it as soon as possible.

"When I told my husband this he simply ignored me. The tuberculosis officer wrote to him personally, but he took no notice. He is just not interested. I do not seem to have any alternative but to leave him and find suitable rooms.

"If I do so, can I compel him to pay my rent and maintenance? If not, I am afraid I have nothing to look forward to but a lingering death!"

"HUMANIST" says: *It is a terrible thing that a husband should display such callous indifference to his wife's welfare, and I hope that he may yet be persuaded to agree to any arrangement which may be necessary for the restoration of your health. It is doubtful whether you could obtain a magistrate's order for maintenance if you left him and went into rooms without his consent, but it is equally doubtful whether he would have the effrontery to attempt to justify to the court his heartless attitude in the matter.*

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A Cruel Restriction

"MY husband and I considered ourselves fortunate, after waiting nearly seven years, in obtaining the tenancy of a council house, and, of course, we willingly signed the usual undertaking not to sub-let.

"I am not very robust myself, and my two youngest children have been rather sickly from birth and really require more care than I have the strength to give them. My husband, whose work takes him abroad for long periods, cannot understand why I do not have his mother with me to relieve me of part of the burden.

"I would gladly have her to stay with me, for she is a sweet old lady, and when she has been on a visit she has helped me very much with needlework and in looking after the children.

"The difficulty is that when the manager of the estate has seen her in the house he has told me that she must not stay longer than three weeks or the council will regard it as a breach of the sub-letting agreement.

"The council has recently moved out two lots of tenants at fourteen days' notice for sub-letting, and I am afraid that if my husband's mother comes to stay permanently they may turn her out or all of us.

"She lives a good many miles away, and it is very inconvenient as well as expensive for her to make the journey to and fro continually. Moreover, she is beyond the reach of my assistance if she should suddenly be in need of it."

"HUMANIST" says: *I should have a poor opinion of the council that would enforce a sub-letting restriction if you offered the old lady a permanent home with you, but as it is necessary for you to have assistance, if you choose to ask your husband's mother to come to you in the capacity of a companion-nurse, rather than engage a strange servant, I do not think you need fear eviction.*

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Lukewarm Repentance

"MY brother, through keeping bad company, has got himself into a whole lot of trouble. Among other things he has been gambling far beyond his means and for some time now he has been unable to pay his losses out of his pocket-money.

"He has confessed to me that in desperation he has been guilty of dishonesty in his efforts to clear himself.

"He is a clerk in an office where he has charge of petty cash, and he admits that for weeks past he has been dipping into the cash-box, always hoping that he would bring off a lucky stroke and be able to set things right without his dishonesty being discovered.

"If he can replace the money before the auditors come round it may save his character. He is afraid to say anything about the matter to father and mother, and he has promised to go straight if I lend him the amount he needs, which, unfortunately, I am unable to find.

"I think he is truly repentant, for he has given up the companions who led him astray, but I am very much afraid that if his petty cash is not put right he will fall back into dishonesty and perhaps steal bigger sums. What can be done?"

"HUMANIST" says: *I am afraid your brother's repentance is very half-hearted if he is quite ready to continue stealing unless he is helped out of the trouble he has made for himself and will only promise to go straight conditionally. When honesty becomes a policy it ceases to be a principle. He had better make a clean breast of his wrongdoing to his parents.*

GOOD WILL towards others is the best will in the world. Develop it by subscribing to "The Greatest of These—" Fund. (See p. 38.)

"JOHN BULL" GREAT PEN OFFER.
(See page 2.)

Fiendish Husband

"SOON after my marriage, I was sadly disillusioned regarding my husband's character. Without going into details of his conduct, I can say truthfully that it was bad enough to destroy utterly the affection and respect of any decent-minded woman.

"I strove hard to endure his cruelty, but as time went on he became worse and worse and for the sake of my children I was compelled to leave him.

"I struggled hard to bring up my girls respectably, and hearing about ten years later that my husband had died, I re-married. Now, after fifteen years' absence, my first husband has returned, very much alive, with all the signs of the depraved nature he showed before.

"Leering with fiendish satisfaction at what he seems to regard as my guilty secret, he is demanding money and threatening to expose me as a bigamist.

"I have never been so happy in my life as during the last five years. Must I endure once again all the cruelty I have tried so hard to forget?"

"HUMANIST" says: *Your husband's reappearance renders your second marriage void, but you need not fear punishment for bigamy, and you cannot be compelled to return to him. He has proved himself a blackguard by demanding money under a threat of exposure, and if he troubles you again you should report him to the police as a blackmailer.*

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Strained Hospitality

"Before my marriage I was engaged to a man who behaved so badly when I broke it off that I had to report him to the police. My husband, knowing nothing of this, has lately become friendly with him and welcomes him as a frequent visitor. He has never mentioned our previous acquaintance, but naturally I feel very uncomfortable."

"Humanist" says: *I should have thought a decent man would have at least apologised for his previous misbehaviour before accepting your hospitality. You should take your husband into your confidence. It would be a wise step and in all probability save painful misunderstanding.*

As a Brother to a Sister

"My chum went abroad recently, asking me to look after his sister and help her if she was in trouble. She treats me as a brother, and I am in a dilemma over her courtship with a fellow who is quite all right apart from his moral lapses, which have continued since he started courting her. What ought I to do?"

"Humanist" says: *I don't understand how you can say a man is "all right apart from his moral lapses." I should think that those made him "all wrong." Act as though the girl were your own sister and let your common-sense tell you what to do.*

Wealth 'Way West

"I am practically destitute and dependent upon the guardians. I have a brother in America who is very wealthy, but he ignores all my appeals for help, though I impoverished myself looking after the father and mother he neglected."

"Humanist" says: *Though you may have a strong moral claim upon your brother he is not legally liable for your maintenance. If you explain the circumstances to the guardians, however, they may be able to induce him to realise his moral obligation.*

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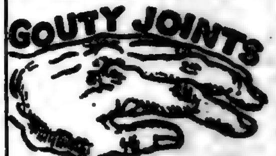

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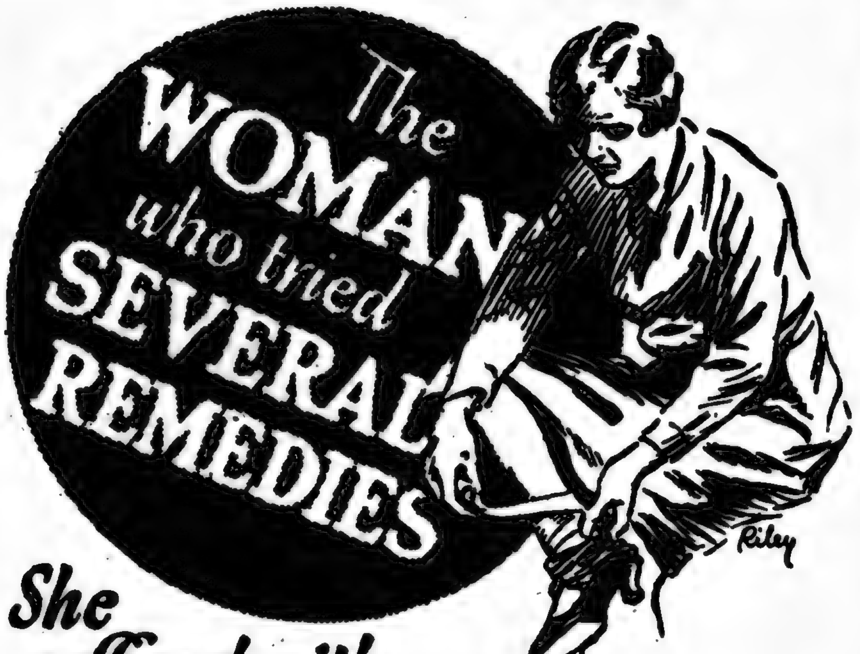
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Hiding the Truth

Unlock the Land!—Inventive Fiends—Memorial Waste

COLONEL HARRY DAY'S denunciation of war films (JOHN BULL, January 28) is a well-directed attack on a great social scandal. What an ironic commentary on contemporary civilisation is the exhibition of films in glorification of such a beastly business as war! The irony of the situation is only exceeded by the infamy which is committed in chloroforming the consciences of people with the dope of war propaganda and of impregnating their minds with pernicious ideas inimical to the cause of peace.—*C. H. W., Lancs.*

Another Peace Convert

I cannot agree that the only moral effect of war films is the glorification of war. After seeing the film, "The Battle of the Somme," I left the cinema thoroughly disgusted with the idea of war, and as disinclined for this reason to see another such film as I was to witness the "frightfulness" in real life. —*J. C. M., Wandsworth.*

Peace and Pictures

Colonel Harry Day renders a national service in condemning the glorification of war by means of the films. No better medium could be found for counteracting all the efforts for peace, inasmuch as almost every man, woman and child is influenced thereby. If we are sincere after peace, let everything except the truth be banned, and the public will then realise the horrors of war.—*H. S., Oldham.*

Film Lies

That the Government helps the war film producers at the expense of the taxpayer is in itself a scandal, but this pales into insignificance besides the incalculable evil wrought by such terrible "pictorial lies." Those who realise the horrors of warfare will surely boycott these films, but the young people, unless drastic steps are taken, will soon learn to regard war as a great and glorious adventure.—*A. R. B., Winchcombe.*

Opening Wounds

The remedy in regard to war films is more or less in the public's hand, and that is, don't go to see them. Always, towards November 11, a glut of these so-called instructional films appears, to open afresh memories of the five years' horror. Why not a few films on the League of Nations, with representatives of all nations as the actors in peacemaking roles?—*L. G. F., Ilford.*

Nearer the Truth

It is a pity that the authorities do not film after-results of the war. I, like many others, suffered, and when my babies were left fatherless, the eldest of the three was just four years. I swore then that my boy should be taught to hate warfare, but mothers cannot make their boys see war as it really was while films screen war as a glorious adventure.—*H., Thornton Heath.*

The Unscreened Side

Both the Ypres and Somme pictures have been screened in this town, and as an ex-Service man of the 71st M.G. Corps, 6th Division, which passed through both battles, I am able to support your contributor's statement. The Somme picture in particular caused some clapping from a large audience as various thrilling incidents were shown, but what of the unscreened tragic side, bayonet-fighting, poison-gas, liquid-fire, food shortage, burying-parties, vermin, etc., not to mention No. 1 field punishment (crucifixion). Let the public see the real article if they wish to see war pictures.—*C. B. G., Ilkeston.*

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Blood and Mud

As a crippled ex-Service man who has experienced the horrors of war, and as a cinema-patron who has sat through several war films and noted their effect upon the audience, I say emphatically that these pictures are rendering an international service in the cause of peace. They bring home to the future mothers something of what war really means. They disillusion young lads by showing what martial glory is—merely blood and mud.—*Disabled, Tottenham, N.*

Cheers or Hisses

Let the Government help to produce a film showing the experiences of our own men in the hospitals, suffering the tortures of gas and wounds, the slaughter in air raids, and submarine horrors of women and children. It is doubtful if this would draw forth the cheers heard in our cinemas when the present so-called war film is shown.—*T. E. H., Burton.*

A Damper!

Mr. A. G. Gardiner's article (JOHN BULL, January 28) strikes a cheery note. God grant that he be a true prophet! Soon after reading it, however, I saw a paragraph which somewhat damped my optimistic feeling. I read of a steamer which discharged Indian ore at Workington, then sailed to collect semi-finished steel (similar to that rolled at Workington) for steel works in India. The return load was taken from Rotterdam. We have a long way to go yet.—*H., Leeds.*

Land Locks

It is a pity that our politicians do not view the land problem as Mr. E. Roffe Thompson (JOHN BULL, January 28) does. Until they are vigorously shaken up by the electors, the land locks will not be removed. The evils attending the present system of land "ownership" are so patent that those who cannot see them must be wilfully blind. Unfortunately, the truth is obscured from the average elector and he tolerates a state of affairs to which can be attributed most of the social evils.—*L., Everton.*

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Traps for Innocents

When will the authorities make "accommodation addresses" illegal? These addresses are obviously used for dishonest purposes. Many an innocent person has suffered through being trapped by them.—*T. F., Ayrshire.*

The Devil's Apprentice

I read that a foreign inventor has developed a gun which releases compressed charges of a gas into the atmosphere, which, when breathed, is capable of paralysing human beings. In my opinion, this gas should be thoroughly tested on its inventor. It may inspire him to further efforts!—*S. S., Palmer's Green.*

A Sin in Stone

The War Memorial Committee in this village has calmly suggested that a few "flag days" be promoted to raise the £400 necessary to make a total of £1,250 needed for an "Aberdeen granite memorial." With so many ex-Service men and others without jobs, so many women and children not getting the nourishing food they ought to have, I contend that to spend such a sum of money as this on stone is a sin.—*J. D., Leyland.*

Waking Up!

At a meeting of shareholders held to sanction the amalgamation of a number of canal-owning companies, it was stated that the total tonnage carried on these canals during 1927 was the heaviest since 1901. This optimistic statement leads one to hope that the present obsolete methods of inland water transport will give way to more modern ideas and thereby restore to usefulness some of the artificial waterways which have been allowed to become derelict.—*L., London.*

Straight and Crooked

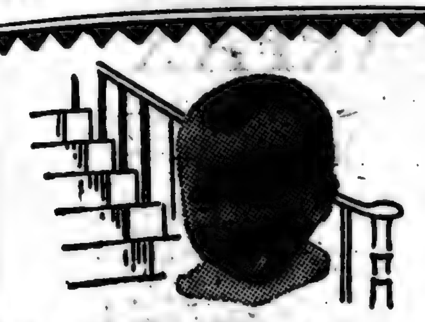
Whilst the work of our police-court missionaries and probation officers is noteworthy, does it not seem unfair that they should be the means of securing situations for persons who have come under their notice through passing through a police-court? The fact remains that a person armed with an introductory note from a probation officer to an employer stands a better chance of securing a situation than a law-abiding citizen who may never have seen inside a police-court.—*J. W., Liverpool.*

Death Profits

Of what earthly use are Board of Trade regulations and the Plimsoll's mark? At sea, during the recent boisterous weather, we received and answered an S.O.S. in the Bay, arriving just in time to see the end of an ocean tramp ship and to rescue her fifteen souls. "Plimsoll submerged from the start; tub unseaworthy" was the verdict of the crew, poor devils! The master's attitude was almost callous. "The only way to earn a bonus—overloading her a bit," he said; "but she was fully insured!"—*Ajax, Malta.*

The Harvey Hoax

As an ex-Service man, I must congratulate you on your article, "John Harvey Unmasked" (JOHN BULL, January 28). The British Press failed miserably in its duty to the public regarding this case, and it is hoped that those who have sent monetary and other gifts to the mother will now treat the deserted wife and kiddies in a no less generous manner, whose existence would probably have never been known but for your "straight from the shoulder" article. Well done, JOHN BULL!—*C., Yeovil.*



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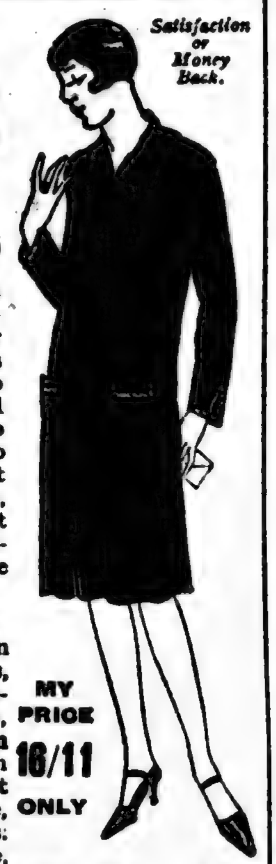

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THE CLAIMS OF CARFAX

A "National" Outsider Now Well in the Limelight—The Gatwick Trial—News from France—Claiming a Horse—Week-end Winners

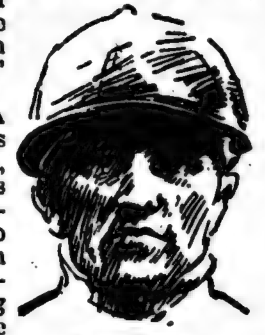
WHEN I gave my first opinion of the Grand National weights in JOHN BULL dated January 28, I wrote: "If there is another Rubio in the field it may be Carfax. He has not met much in the way of 'class,' but he has the greatest of Aintree essentials. He can jump."

LIKE Billy Barton, Carfax was quoted at 50 to 1 and, in some lists, double these odds could be obtained. Again, like the American "hope," Carfax has done "things." At the moment, my bookmaker is following the lead of the big commission agents, and Mr. Ancil's horse figures at 14 to 1. A big bet—£1,000 to £70—was thken on the course at Sandown Park.

CARFAX was tipped in these notes for the race in which he beat Sibus by a head in a thrilling finish at Kempton. He was tipped once more last week when he won the four-mile 'chase at Gatwick. On this occasion the son of Drinmore, who is in the "National" with 10 st. 10 lb., shouldered 12 st. 6 lb. and, in very heavy going, pulled up as fresh as a new pin. It was a fine trial for the big race at Aintree, but the one point which has been overlooked by every sporting writer is the slow time in which the race was run. Benson's chronograph recorded 9 minutes 59 4–5 seconds.

SILVER SOMME won this event last year, and the conditions underfoot were, if anything, worse. The mare was carrying 11 st. 2 lb., but she got round in 9 minutes 8 seconds. I am not disparaging Carfax—in fact, I have taken a price—but if he is going to be a danger at Liverpool, he will have to show more pace in the early stages of the race. Barring accidents, in the way of loose horses, he is almost certain to get round.

ACCORDING to *The Sporting Life*, Carfax was the steeplechase champion last year. He was successful in ten open 'chase events, two more than any other fencer in training. In addition, he won seven point-to-point races. The gelding was not broken-in until he was an eight-year-old, and the only man who can handle him is Mr. C. Ancil, who has taken out a professional's licence in order to be up at Aintree. The greatest point in favour of Carfax is that he has never been properly "floored."


Eric Foster

PNEUMONIA leaves one as weak as a kitten, but Eric Foster has come through safely. He hopes to be riding again shortly, and providing he is strong enough, I think we shall see him on White Park. Anyway, Mr. F. A. Brown has killed the rumour that Mr. S. Dennis has been engaged to ride the milk-fed 'chaser in all his engagements. T. B. Cullinan, who received many compliments for the way he handled K.C.B. at Kempton, fixed up some time ago to ride Mr. Barbour's Koko, and Mr. Albert G. Ober, of Baltimore, intends to try his luck on Billy Barton. It does not pay to be dogmatic with regard to racing, but I will not have the American combination at any price.

COMTE PIERRE DE JUMILHAC is a sporting French owner-trainer, and he tells my correspondent on the other side of the Channel that nothing annoys him more than to read what is given as inspired information about his mare Maguelonne in the English Press. The six-year-old has no pretensions to get the Grand National course at the first go off, and the chief aim of the owner is to have her well-schooled over obstacles in this country with a view to future possibilities

THERE is practically no betting in France on the English "double," and that in itself is eloquent of the changed conditions in contrast to what has happened since Sir Gallahad started the run of French successes. The only Lincoln hope enquired for is Cramick, and there is little doubt that French sportsmen will back this one, but it is more because they intend to follow him through thick and thin rather than with any notion that he is a good thing for the first of the Spring handicaps.

TWO or three weeks ago, I mentioned three horses worth following for the rest of the jumping season. Confrere and Gibus turned up trumps at the first time of asking, but Great Span has yet to run. This young 'chaser is being carefully nursed for the "National," but must not be missed for intermediate engagements.

FAIRIELIKE FUR, K.C.B. and Miss Onslow will bring my three up to six to follow. Fairielike Fur is certain to pop up in a "seller." Only Duller's artistry on Clochette beat the filly last time out. K.C.B. comes from F. E. Withington's stable, and once the Bicester trainer gets hold of a good 'un it is a safe bet every time. Miss Onslow finished down the course at her first attempt over hurdles and failed at Sandown, but I think she will pop up shortly.

IT is bad luck for an owner when his jockey loses a race by mistaking the winning post, but the salt is rubbed in with a vengeance when another owner claims the beaten animal. This little calamity was Mr. Corrigan's portion when Duller, on Fathallah, pipped T. Robinson, on Galahad, at Kempton. After the race Mr. Gant took advantage of the conditions of the selling race and claimed Galahad.

I HAVE referred to this incident as a number of readers have asked to be enlightened on the subject of claiming. The winner of a "seller" is automatically bought in, sold, or retained if there is no bid. The conditions of this type of race provide that an owner who runs a horse can claim any other horse outside the winner for the amount at which it is entered to be sold, plus the value of the race. If Cherry Ripe were entered to be sold for £100 in a selling race of £200 in value, he could be claimed for £300.

OWNERS do not often take advantage of the privilege of claiming unless they have an ulterior motive. I remember a few years back one of our best-known owner-trainers indulged in a mild gamble on one of his horses, and was pipped into second place. He had a good reason for believing that the winner was running under a false name.

BETS go with stakes, so the first time the horse was down the course in another "seller" he claimed it and sent it off to the breeder. However, the animal came back as the genuine article, and as the owner-trainer had no further use for it, he passed it back to its original owner.

SEVERAL of the events at the Lingfield week-end meeting are titled after famous race-horses, and such names as General Peace, Manifesto, Troytown, Trespasser and Cloister figure in the titles. On Friday, I suggest Killia for the General Peace Hurdle, Dovedale for the Felcourt Hurdle, and Gibus for the Surrey 'Chase.

THE tit-bit of the meeting, the Troytown 'Chase, is reserved for Saturday. Most of the thirty odd acceptances, figure in the Grand National, and we shall be promised another fine rehearsal if the major portion go to the post. I must stick to White Park, and in the event of the gelding's absence, Great Span. Flashing Light should win the Trespasser Hurdle.

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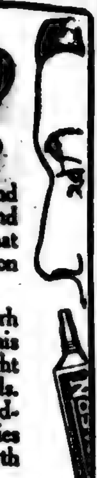

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THE Editor may be flippant on this page, but his humour is kindly and never malicious. He likes to end up the week's work on a bright note. Serious questions are dealt with by the expert staff of our Free Advice Service.

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A. E. (Kew).—" I showed him up." You are a butler, we suppose ?

A. N. (Godstone).—" I write from my heart." Try further up.

E. A. (Berwick).—" We all eat alike." Only some eat louder than others.

A. C. (Milford).—" I fought with Buller." What did you quarrel about ?

A. N. (Dover).—" How long will it take me to learn to roller-skate ? " Several sittings.

P. B. (Bermondsey).—" She says she likes my face." We fear she's a little morbid.

R. T. (Romford).—" I have invited my mother-in-law to stay with me." You dare-devil !

B. E. (Blackpool).—" The news of the affair is very skimpy," But news soon gets round.

N. D. (Epping).—" To what do you attribute the recent spell of wet weather?" Excessive rain.

N. P. (Balham).—" She was angry because I tried to kiss her." Evidently she hates failures.

L. B. (Dundee).—" What do you think of my Aberdeen stories ? " They're quite interesting revivals.

B. T. (Foxhall).—" Did you expect a letter from me ? " No. We always try to look on the bright side.

F. H. (Greenock).—" I know what you think." And yet you obstinately continue to write to us !

M. Y. (Bourne End).—" Do you think I'm clever ? " We'd like to be tactful, but truth must prevail. No.

E. P. (Croydon).—" I know she's true for her eyes are blue." It's easily seen that you are green.

C. B. (Derby).—" He called me a fool. What do you think of that ? " Who are we to question his judgment ?

P. F. (Horton).—" He seized both my hands and shook them." Was he frightened of losing his watch ?

P. A. (Matlock).—" I took his sister Mary out to dinner." And what did Mary have ? A little lamb ?

J. N. (Maidenhead).—" I enclose some weak doggerel I wrote myself." We admire your accurate descriptive powers.

M. P. (Thorpe Bay).—" I bought my boy a clockwork train and he has lost it." Never mind. He'll lose a lot of trains when he grows up.

T. B. (Devonport).—" I enclose a mystery story I have written." We read it, but failed to solve the mystery of why you wrote it.

M. W. P. (Kingston).—" How do you think I started life ? " As a baby.

A. B. (Camborne).—" My voice is improving." Hope it will soon be cured.

" CURIOUS " (Shoreditch).—" Whose cigarettes do you smoke ? " Our own, mostly.

EVA (Chelsea).—" Poetry is my vocation." And how do you earn your living ?

MRS. E. (Edinburgh).—" I am extremely interested in business." Your own, or everybody's ?

C. S. E. (Blackburn).—" I believe in heredity." Doubtless your clever children take after your wife.

A. M. (Macclesfield).—" He told lies about me." That might have been kinder than telling the truth.

J. S. (Swansea).—" She is pretty, but she has no brains." If she is really pretty, she won't need them.

A. W. (Margate).—" They are going to try jazz on monkeys." We don't care—we don't like monkeys.

H. V. (Glasgow).—" I sit for hours thinking about nothing." You really shouldn't be so egotistical.

F. M. (Hounslow).—" I am only flirting with her." The point is, Is she only flirting with you ?

MISS G. (Finsbury Park).—" Postmen are always welcome." Even with letters marked O.H.M.S. ?

MRS. D. (Liverpool).—" I admit I threw a cup at him." Yes, yes, but what did you hit ?

H. B. (Leeds).—" I am a Government official about to retire." So now you can sleep in your own time.

D. N. (Kennington).—" Do you think I am a bore ? " To tell you the truth, we seldom think of you at all.

B. B. (Hornsey).—" I can't say my wife's family appeal to me." That's good for your banking account.

M. G. R. (Gloucester).—" A glass of beer is my only consolation." Good ; a cellarful wouldn't console some folk.

H. G. (Bradford).—" What do the thousands of readers write about ? " That's what we often want to know.

M. F. S. (Canterbury).—" I married an extravagant woman and was broke within a year." Which shows you were cracked at the start.

MISS A. (Torquay).—" Think of the golden days, the fleeting hours, the rushing minutes ——" Are you trying to sell us a clock ?

MRS. M. (Princetown).—" I'd have her know my boy can do anything any youngster of tender age can." Can he wiggle his ears ?

N. T. (Greenock).—" I can borrow money without any trouble." You are lucky. Most people borrow trouble when they borrow money.

MRS. F. (Carshalton).—" My husband gives me a very thin time." Then you have the splendid consolation of being fashionable.

R. T. (Richmond).—" If I have something to say, may I write to you again ? " By all means. Many of our correspondents don't bother to have anything to say.

W. S. (New Cross).—" You are a one ! " No ! We are a " we."

SCOT (Dundee).—" I am very fond of football." Especially the free kicks ?

T. A. (Plymouth).—" They will be marrying over the telephone next." Ring off !

C. M. (Shrewsbury).—" Women make fools of men." Sometimes they make men of fools.

A. C. (Exeter).—" Cats are like no other animals." Right—no other animals have kittens.

A. P. (Chatham).—" The man who invented rubber tyres deserves a statue." A " bust," don't you mean ?

NORAH (York).—" He didn't know me when he began to flatter me." The very man for the job !

D. W. (Cross Keys).—" Man descended from apes." It seems cowardly to blame the monkeys.

S. C. (Fallowfield).—" I am a member of a mixed choir." Some can sing and some can't, we suppose.

E. P. (Barnet).—" A man who saves these days is wise." A man who saves these days is a magician.

D. V. (Devizes).—" Do you think my son will make an artist ? " How long can he go without food ?

PROUD (Bonchurch).—" Our town is to have a mayor and corporation." Our mayor already has one.

MISS M. (Molesey).—" I caught a bad cold the other night." Let us know when you catch a good one.

S. E. (Bristol).—" Savages pay no taxes neither are they expected to." Then what on earth makes them savage ?

M. H. G. (Southampton).—" I am one of those who believe in myself." You must be very easy to convince.

M. C. T. (Maldon).—" The roads were in a shocking condition." The authorities should mend their ways.

MRS. W. WEAVER (Brierley).—" You printed my name as 'Miss Weaver' last week." Sorry about that, but glad the *Bullets* £300 has made the family happy. The £300 Twins will bring joy to *two* homes this week.

J. A. C. (Brixton).—" I am studying a memory system." Trying to recollect from whom you borrowed the umbrella ?

C. S. D. (Grimsby).—" I always count a hundred when angry." If the other chap's bigger than you count a million.

" FOOD REFORM " (Wimbledon).—" An apple a day keeps the doctor away." Unless you get the pips in your appendix.

S. D. (Halifax).—" I'm always wondering what my wife will do if I stay out late." You haven't been married long, or you'd know.

MRS. W. (Stainforth).—" I can never listen to scandal." Why not try one of the new patent contrivances for helping the deaf ?

F. H. D. (Dronfield).—" I never buy a newspaper." Are you the chap who leans over our shoulder in the Tube and reads ours ?

MRS. F. (Swindon).—" Every child born in this country has a chance to become Prime Minister." Sh—ush ! We wouldn't like our baby to hear of its discouraging handicap.

LOVER (Belfast).—" Say it with flowers." Say it with anything but ink.

D. A. (Bradford).—" To tell you the truth——" What an original start !

B. H. (Derby).—" I am after a permanent job." Try being best man to a cinema star.

T. B. (Iver).—" My fiancée has a dear little puppy." Which of you does she like best ?

B. D. (Crowborough).—" The Post Office is very accurate." Yes. Your letters arrive with grim regularity.

S. P. (Renfrew).—" I suppose you don't happen to have a fiver to spare ? " How on earth did you guess that ?

A. T. (Blackburn).—" How can I become an early riser ? " Wake up early and kick yourself out of bed.

MRS. B. (Crumpsall).—" What is a dead letter ? " One you give your husband to post.

S. H. (Birkenhead).—" He has made lots of money through movie pictures." For which he should thank his lucky stars.

G. L. (Battle).—" Riding in my motor-car with my wife, I bumped into a gate and knocked off the paint." Off your wife or the gate or the car ?

MRS. T. (Richmond).—" Flappers who demand the vote haven't a leg to stand on." Well they do their best to show that they have, anyway.

M. O. L. (Langcliffe).—" I am going to write a book about this theme of woman's dress." We're afraid you won't find much material to go upon.

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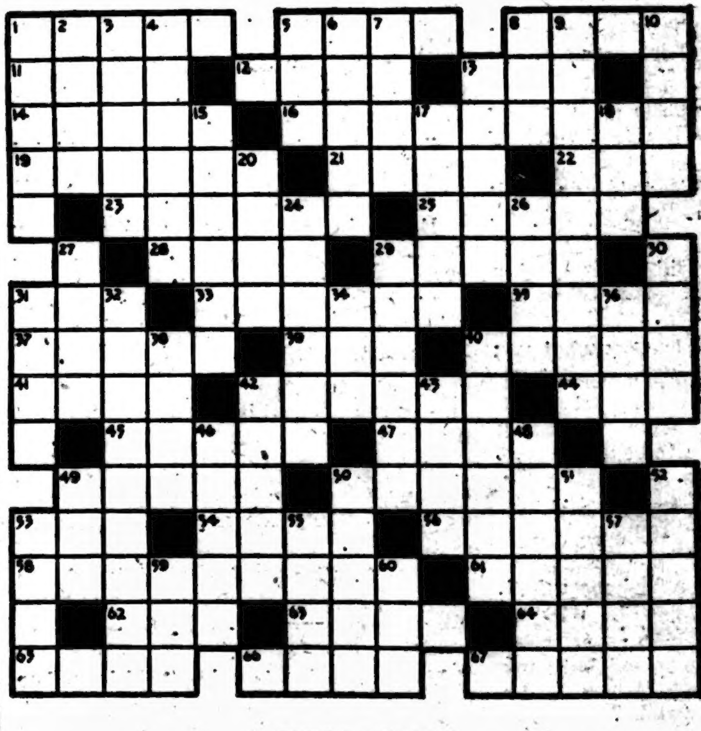

CLUES ACROSS

1. A sleeping place.
5. To encourage.
8. Volition.
11. Mane.
12. An invoice.
13. Went swiftly.
14. Indian province.
16. Discharged.
19. Wanted.
21. Trim.
22. To peer.
23. A sea nymph.
25. Prevent.
28. Tear.
29. Relating to foundation.
31. Sorrowful.
33. A higher school.
35. Famous college.
37. Honestly.
39. Border.
40. To demonstrate.
41. Bitter medicine.
42. Assistant.
44. Uncooked.
45. Fruit.
47. Wrong.
49. Relating to punishment.
50. Vibration.
53. 100,000 rupees.
54. Nocturnal insect.
56. Cluster of stars.
58. Life.
61. Decided.
62. Impair.
63. Fall.
64. Heavy metal.
65. A favour.
66. Repair.
67. Saucy.

CLUES DOWN

1. Indian narcotic drug.
2. Comfort.
3. Arose.
4. Merchant.
5. Assistance.
6. A screen.
7. Otherwise.
8. Part of verb "to be."
9. An official.
10. Titled woman.
13. Ceremony.
15. Simply.
17. Complimentary title.
18. Stray.
20. Refute.
24. Irritates.
26. A row.
27. Rich calcareous earth.
29. Filled glass.
30. Understood.
31. Remain.
32. Twelve leaves to a sheet.
34. Elongated fish.
36. Egg shaped.
38. Meagre.
40. Elementary educational book.
42. A slave.
43. Equal.
46. Devon river.
48. A small lobe.
49. Shallow utensil.
50. A prickle.
51. A sovereign.
52. Rice in the husk.
53. Young sheep.
55. Time.
57. An escape.
59. Adult male.
60. A slight bow.

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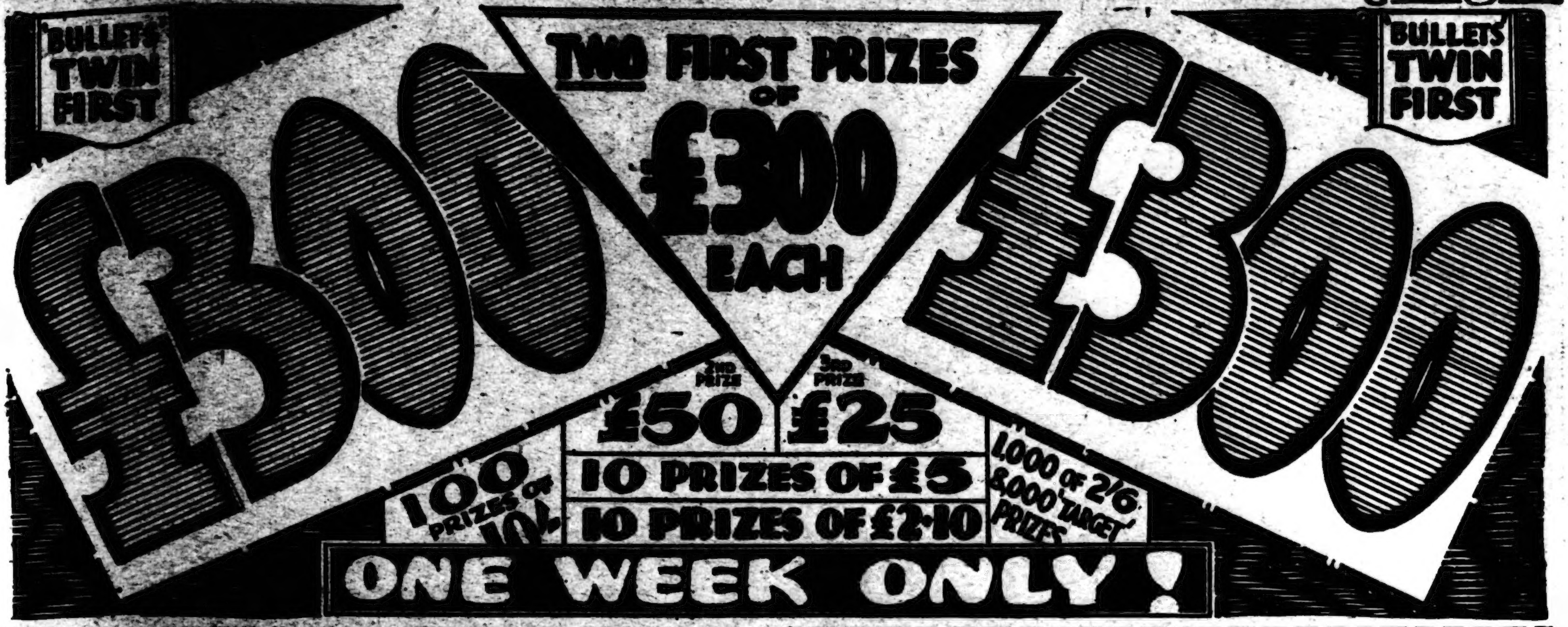

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Example :—BALDWIN'S PROBLEM	*Bullet* :—WHERE WIFE HIDES MATCHES.
Example :—OUR HEROES	*Bullet* :—WORKLESS—HOMELESS—PENNILESS—NEVERTHELESS—
Example :—IF I WERE FORD	*Bullet* :—I'D "KEEP IT QUIET."

ENCLOSE A POSTAL ORDER AT THE RATE OF 6D. FOR EACH COUPON USED.—See rule 2.

☞ **Address Coupons :—"Bullets" No. 666, "John Bull," Long Acre, London, W.C.2 (Comp.)**

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Example__________
Bullet__________
Example__________
Bullet__________
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I agree to enter this Competition in accordance with the rules and conditions announced on this page. With 1 Coupon, send P.O for 6d.
Signed__________
Address__________

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Example__________
Bullet__________
Example__________
Bullet__________
(666) P.O. No.__________
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Use Two, Three or Four words. Enter name and address on each Coupon.

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Example__________
Bullet__________
Example__________
Bullet__________
(666) P.O. No.__________
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Signed__________
Address__________

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Example__________
Bullet__________
(666) P.O No__________
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